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FOR THE FANS BY A FAN.

REMEMBER, IF YOU LIKE IT, GO BUY IT!

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BUT IT'S STILL VISIBLE,

AS I REALLY DON'T CARE TOO MUCH ABOUT THE QUALITY.

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ALSO I'VE DONE A QUICK JOB ON ANY DOUBLE PAGE SPREADS,
JUST TO MAKE IT EASIER TO READ.

IF YOU DON'T LIKE MY ATTEMPT, GO BUY IT FOR
YOURSELVES AND ENJOY YOUR OWN VERSION..

ANYHOW ENJOY!

NEXT UP: BATTLE CLUB VOL3.

NOTE: LIKE I SAID, HERE'S THE START OF
THE WEEKLY GETBACKERS RELEASE.

I'LL BE RELEASING ANOTHER 2 VOLS THIS WEEK.

AND FROM NOW ON, EACH WEEK I'LL TRY TO
KEEP THE TWO VOLS THE SAME TITLE.

AND THANKS TO CATCHANSCANS FOR
THE COOL NEW TITLES. <3

HAVE FUN.

TILL NEXT TIME.

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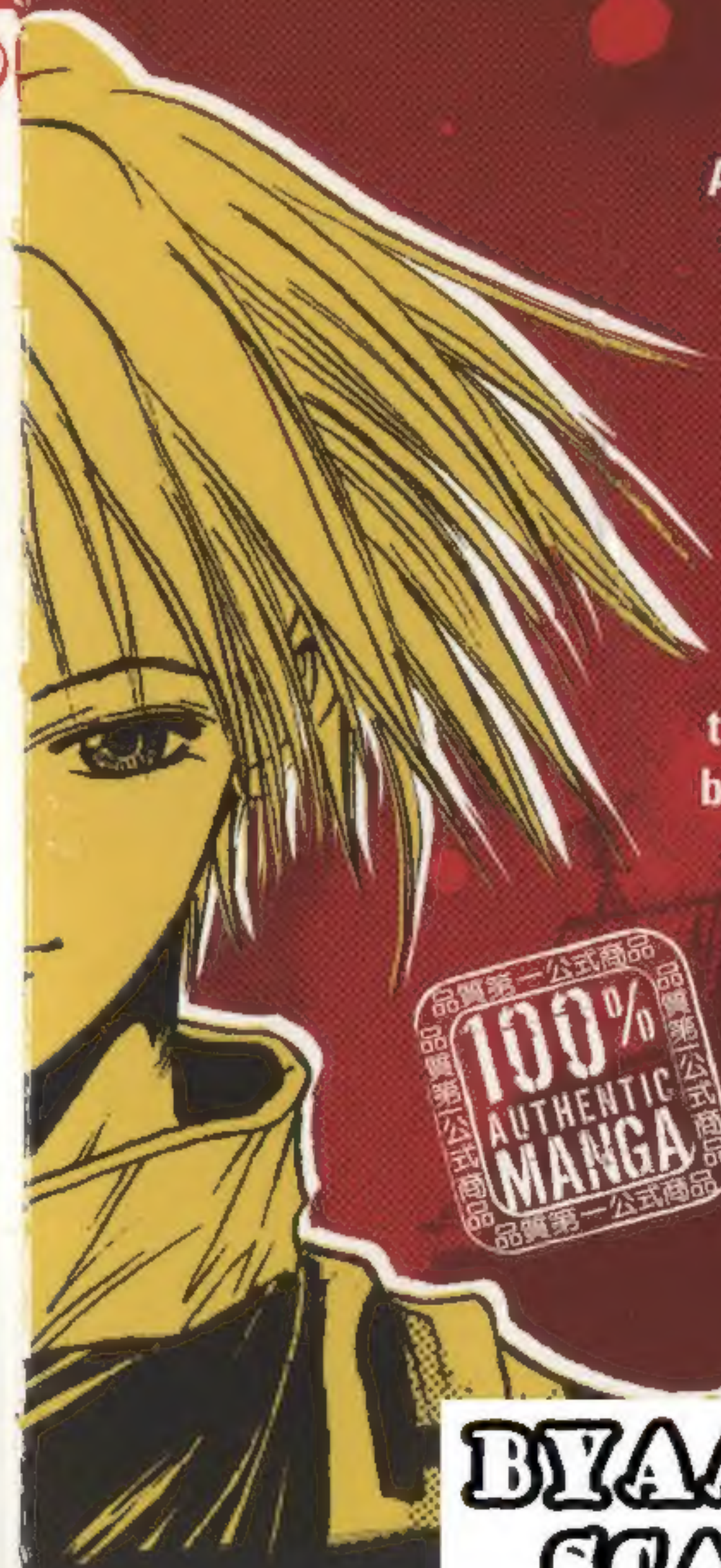
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As Ban and Ginji make their way through the Infinite Fortress, they encounter MakubeX's "wire dolls"—humans controlled and enhanced by computer programs. The duo embarks on a dangerous undertaking to find out what's really behind the explosive scheme. But to find the truth, they'll have to look far beneath the surface... and they might not like what they see!



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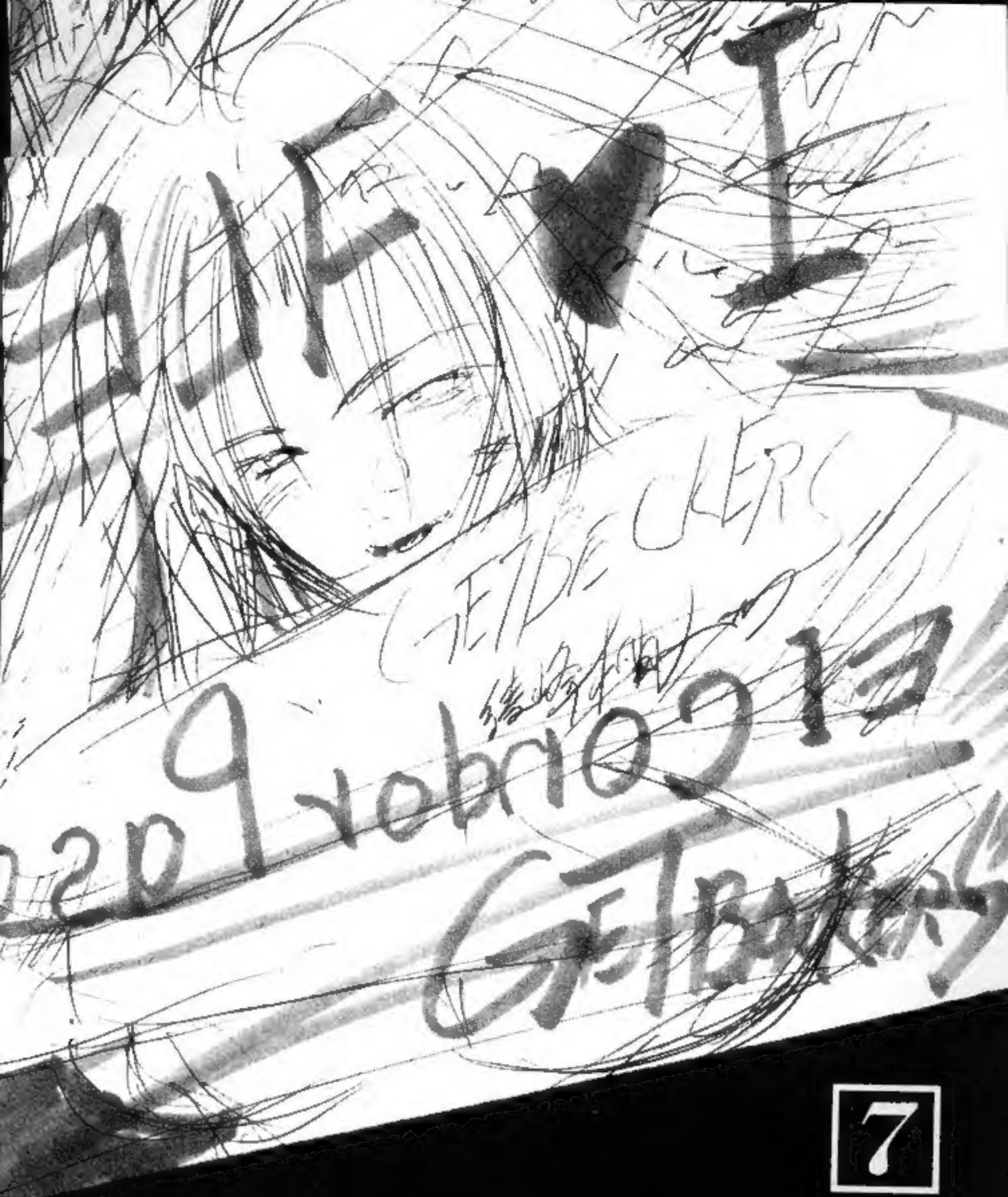
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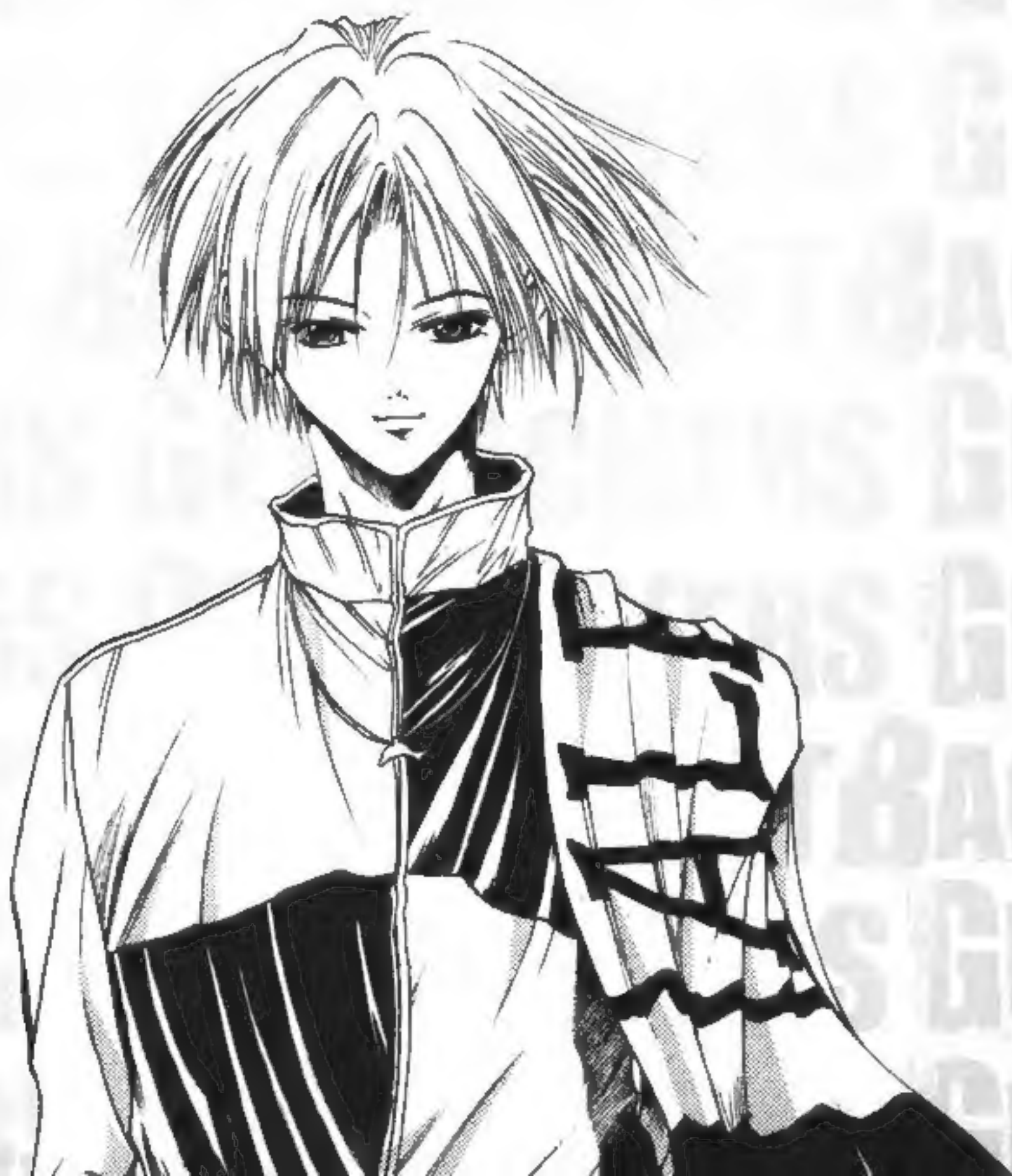
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Story Thus Far:

Ginji Amano can amplify the electrical currents in his body. Ban Mido has the power to create illusions in people's minds for one minute. Together they are the GetBackers, a retrieval agency whose motto is, "We get back what shouldn't be gone." For the right price, they'll return anything that's been taken.

The six members of the vamped-up GetBackers team target "I.L.," a mysterious job contracted out by an equally mysterious client! Their destination: Infinity Fortress in Shinjuku's dangerous underground.


When the team gets split up in a gas attack, Ginji finds himself alone with none other than Dr. Jackal, much to his concern. Meanwhile, Ban and Shido defeat foe after foe as they make their way higher and higher up Infinity Fortress in search of MakubeX's hideout and his Lens.

Kazuki and Himiko team up until Kazuki's old friend Juubei attacks, capturing Himiko and leaving the string master for dead. But now Kazuki has regained his strength with the help of former junior Volts member Ren and the mysterious old healer Gen, who might help the GetBackers reach their goals. But what exactly are they looking for, and what's this about a traitor in their midst...?

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A black and white manga panel showing a character with long dark hair and a light-colored jacket standing in a narrow hallway. The hallway has a concrete floor and walls, with a door visible in the background. A large 'A' with a cross through it is drawn on the wall to the left.

MAKUBEX, THERE'S
SOMETHING I MUST ASK YOU.

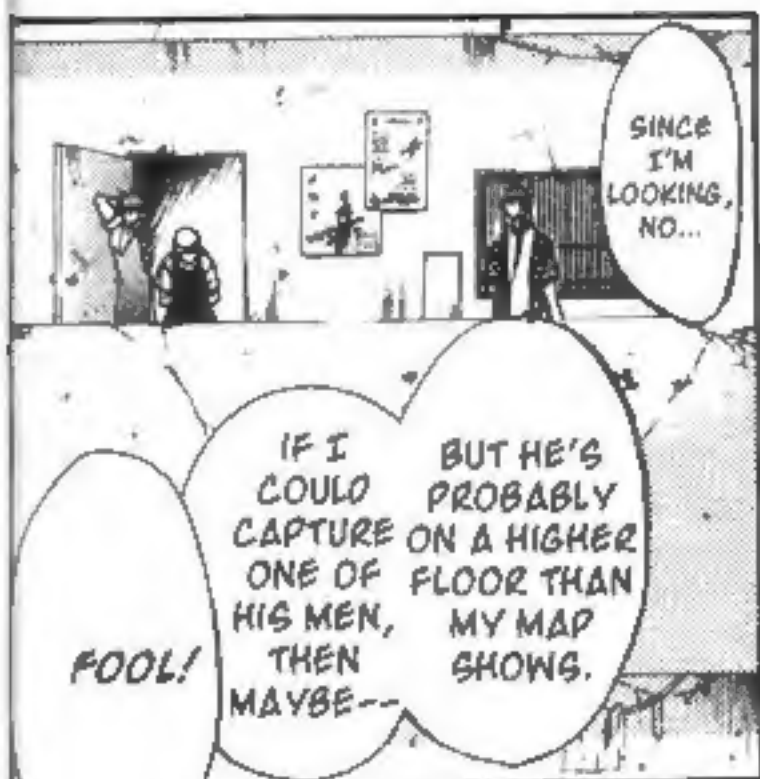
WHY DID IT HAVE TO COME TO THIS?

A black and white manga panel showing a character with long dark hair and a light-colored jacket sitting on the floor. The character is looking down with a sad expression. In the background, another character is standing, looking on. The floor is covered with various electronic equipment, including a computer monitor, keyboard, and other devices, suggesting a scene of destruction or abandonment.

FOR WHAT
REASON?!

GET BACKERS

Act VI: Return to Infinity Fortress
Part 12 All Tied Up and Nowhere to Go!



SINCE
I'M
LOOKING,
NO...

FOOL!

IF I
COULD
CAPTURE
ONE OF
HIS MEN,
THEN
MAYBE--

BUT HE'S
PROBABLY
ON A HIGHER
FLOOR THAN
MY MAP
SHOWS.



HUH?



YES,
ELDER?
WHAT
IS IT?

YOU'RE
LOOKING
FOR
MAKUBEX,
BUT DO
YOU KNOW
WHERE
HE IS?



ONE
SECOND.



THROUGH
VIOLENCE?

THE
WAY HE'S
NOW ABLE
TO CONTROL
PEOPLE, LIKE
THE ONES WHO
WERE HERE
EARLIER.

YOU HAVE
NO IDEA
WHAT HE'S
BECOME.



THE
DARK
ABYSS
...

...OF
THE
MIND?



ANYONE
CAN USE
VIOLENCE.

MAKUBEX
HAS THE
DEVIL'S WIT
ABOUT HIM. HE
CAN SEE INTO
THE DARKEST
REGION OF A
PERSON'S
SOUL.

HE'S ABLE
TO DELVE
DEEP INTO
THE DARK
ABYSS OF
THE HUMAN
MIND.



YES

AND HE KNOWS

... HOW DESPICABLE MAN CAN BE.

OUR NATURE IS TO MISTRUST AND BETRAY.



AND THE PUNISHMENT THAT WOULD AWAIT THEM WOULD BE WORSE THAN DEATH OR TORTURE

THEY KNOW IF THEY SQUEALED, THEIR CRONIES WOULD JUMP AT THE CHANCE TO RAT THEM OUT TO MAKUBEX

EVEN HOURS OF TORTURE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO DRAG ANY INFORMATION OUT OF ANY OF HIS UNDERLINGS



WHY HAS MAKUBEX

WHY?



FOLLOW ME BACK HERE, KAZUKI-KUN.

ALLOW ME TO LEND YOU A HAND.



THE SIZE OF HIS ORGANIZATION LIKELY EQUALS THAT OF WHAT THE VOLTS ONCE WERE



KNOWING THIS IS WHAT'S MADE MAKUBEX A POWERFUL FORCE HERE AT INFINITY FORTRESS

MISTRUST BREEDS CONTEMPT, WHICH BREEDS MORE MISTRUST





YEAH
I HAVE
NEVER
SEEN
ANYTHING
LIKE THIS
BEFORE

I'M
NOT
EASILY
IMPRESSED,
BUT
YOU'VE
DONE IT



AMAZING

HEE
HEE.
AIN'T
IT?



NOW,
ABOUT
WHERE
MAKUBEX
CAN BE
LOCATED
...

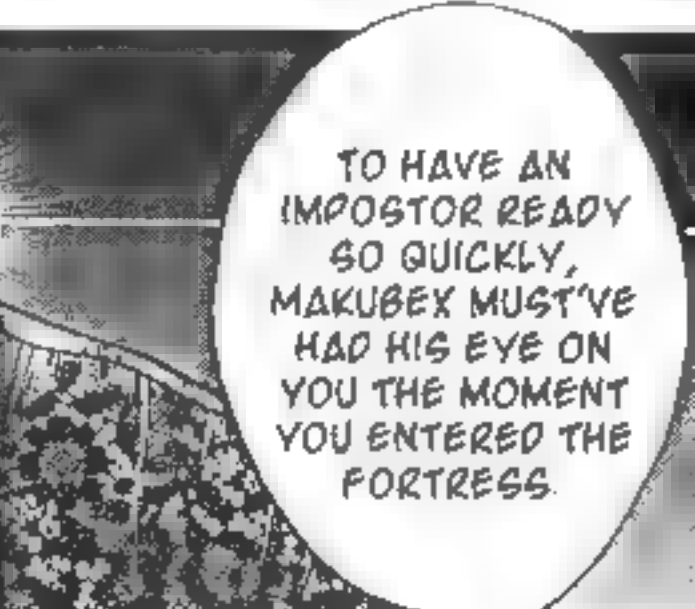
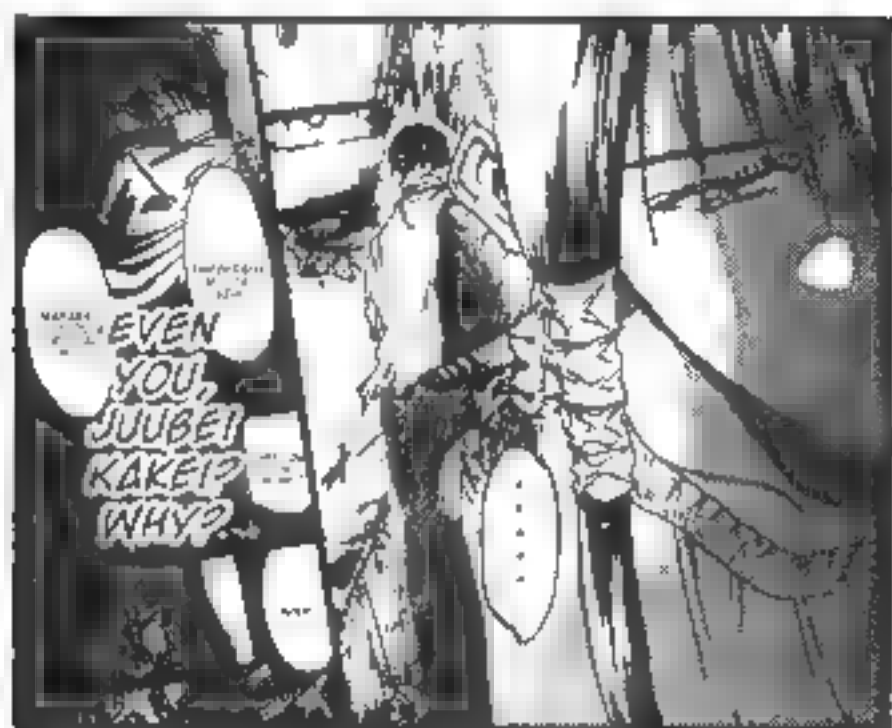
WHO IS
THIS OLD
GUY?

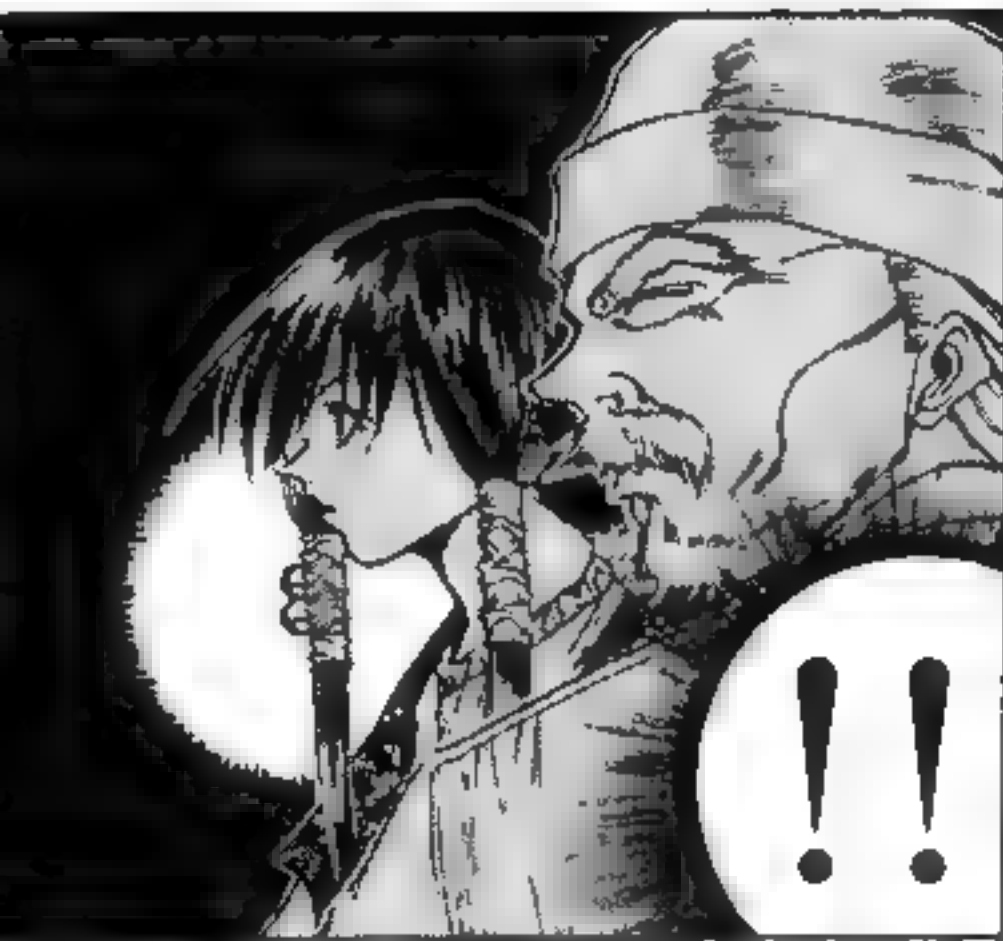


WHOA!
WHAT
IS THIS?

A MAP
OF THE
FORTRESS
UP TO THE
MIDDLE
FLOORS.
SOMETHING
REN AND I
HAVE BEEN
WORKING
ON.

THERE
ARE STILL
INCOMPLETE
PARTS, BUT
THE SOUTH
BLOCK
IS NEAR
PERFECT





...HAS
MADE A
HUGE
MISTAKE.

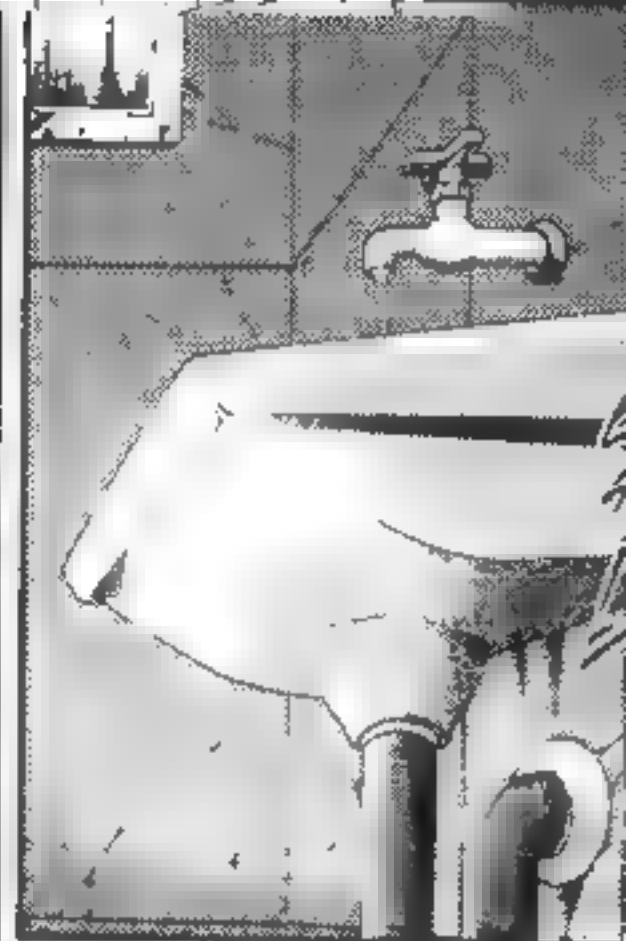
WELL,
MAYBE
HE'S
BELOW US,
THEN.

IF
THAT'S
THE
CASE
...

...THEN
EVERY-
ONE
ON OUR
END...

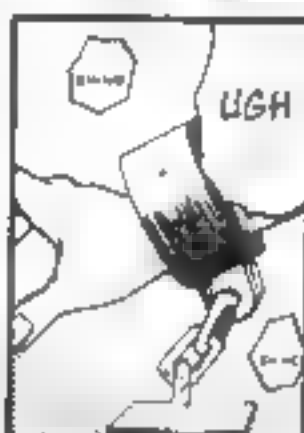


LADY
POISON?
YOU
AWAKE?



SOME
BIG GUY
GRABBED
ME AT THE
INFINITY
FORTRESS
ENTRANCE,
AND I WOKE
UP HERE

WHERE
ARE
WE?



UGH

CALL
ME
HEVN.



YOU/
COORDI-
NATOR!



WHAT?!
YOU DIDN'T
EVEN LISTEN
TO A WORD
I SAID! I
TOLD YOU
YOU'D GET
CAUGHT!

FOR
SUCH A BIG
TALKER, YOU
SURE ARE
PATHETIC

SO, THIS
MUST BE
MAKUBEK'S
HIDEOUT!



AND
WHAT'RE
YOU
DOING
HERE?



YOU
HEARD
ME!

WHAT
WAS
THAT
?!



!!.....!!



YEAH,
YOU'RE
RIGHT.
LET'S GET
OUTTA
HERE
FIRST.

LOOK,
WHATEVER.
THIS IS NO
TIME TO BE
ARGUING.



HEH HEH.
HOW'RE YA
FEELIN'?



OOOH, LOOKS
LIKE THE
HOTTIES ARE
FINALLY UP!

♡



NEED WE
REMIND
YOU WHO'S
IN CHARGE
HERE?

WHAT'D
YOU SAY,
BITCH?!



I KNOW,
I'M JUST
GONNA
TEACH
HER SOME
MANNERS,
THAT'S
ALL!

HEY, TAKE
IT EASY.
MAKUBEX
SAID WE
CAN'T
TOUCH
THEM.

*You know what
he'll do to us.*



SEEING
YOUR
DISBUSTING
FACES IS
A BIT OF A
TURNOFF

♡

WHILE I
DO ALWAYS
APPRECIATE A
COMPLIMENT
LIKE "HOTTIE"



HEE
HEE...



Ma?

HERE THEY
COME YOU
HANDLE
THIS ONE,
LADY
POISON



WE MUST
STAY
ABREAST
OF THIS
SITUATION

Ahh
...



!

Ah
...

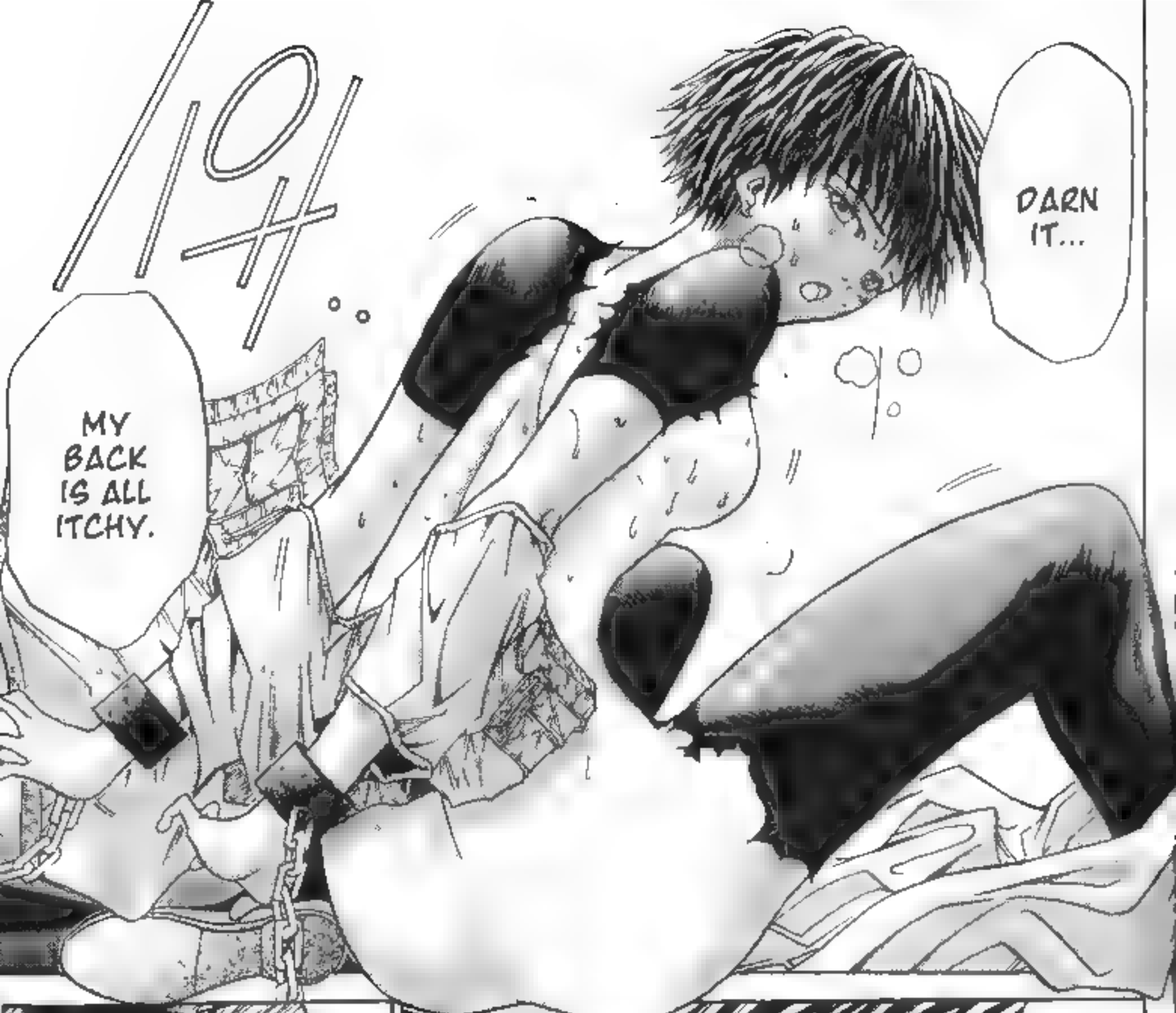
Oh

Ah



NOW, TIME
FOR YOUR
PUNISHMENT





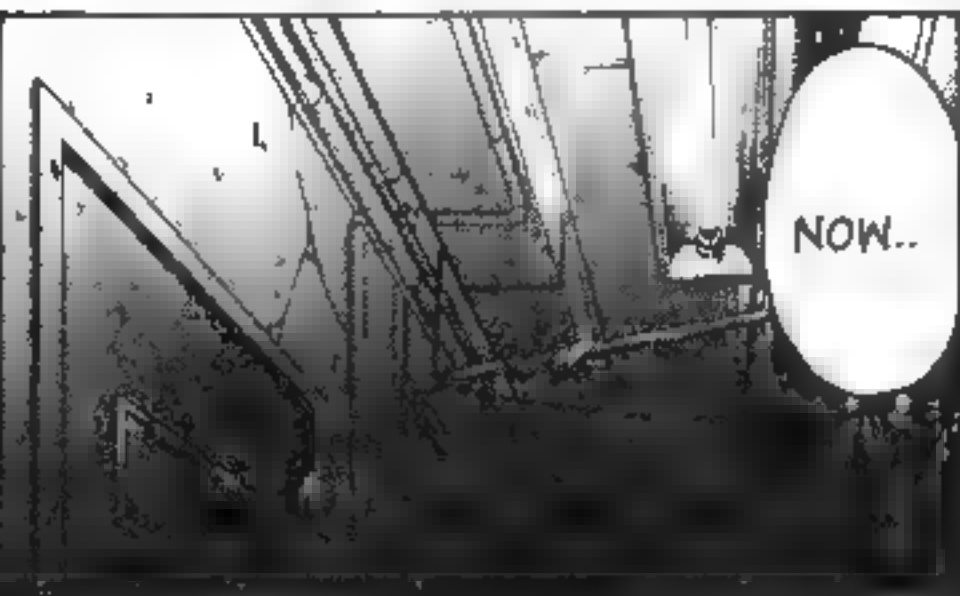




BELIEVE IT
OR NOT,
IT'S THE
NATURAL
SMELL OF
MY BODY.



MY
PERFUME
SCENT
NUMBER
SEVEN...
PUPPET
SCENT.



NOW..



This is taking
pheromones
to a whole
nother level


I
SEE.



BUT WHAT
ABOUT
BAN-KUN
AND THE
OTHERS?
SHOULDN'T
WE FIND
THEM
FIRST?

HOW
ABOUT
WE GET
OUTTA
HERE AND
LOCATE
"I.L."?





WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN?

YOU THINK
I'D JUST LET
MYSELF GET
CAPTURED
WITHOUT
CONTINGENCY
PLANS?




THERE'S
A REASON
I'M CALLED
LADY
POISON,
YOU
KNOW?




LET'S
SAY I
LEARNED
FROM
THEM


YOU KNOW
HOW WHEN
AN ANT FINDS
FOOD, HIS
FRIENDS
ALL FOLLOW
BEHIND?



HOW
SO?



THE MOMENT
BEFORE I LOST
CONSCIOUSNESS,
I PUT SOME
TRACKING SCENT
ON MY BODY
OUR FRIENDS
WILL SIMPLY
FOLLOW THEIR
NOSE



ONE OF
MY SEVEN
POISON
PERFUMES
IS KNOWN AS
TRACKING
SCENT.



LIKE
AN ANT
BEING LED
TO FOOD

ANYONE
WHO WANTS
TO FIND
ME WILL BE
ABLE TO
FOLLOW
THE SAME
PATH I
TOOK



...THAT
EVEN WITH
ALL THIS
ASSEMBLED
TALENT...

...I STILL
CAN'T
SHAKE
THIS BAD
FEELING?



BUT
WHY
IS IT

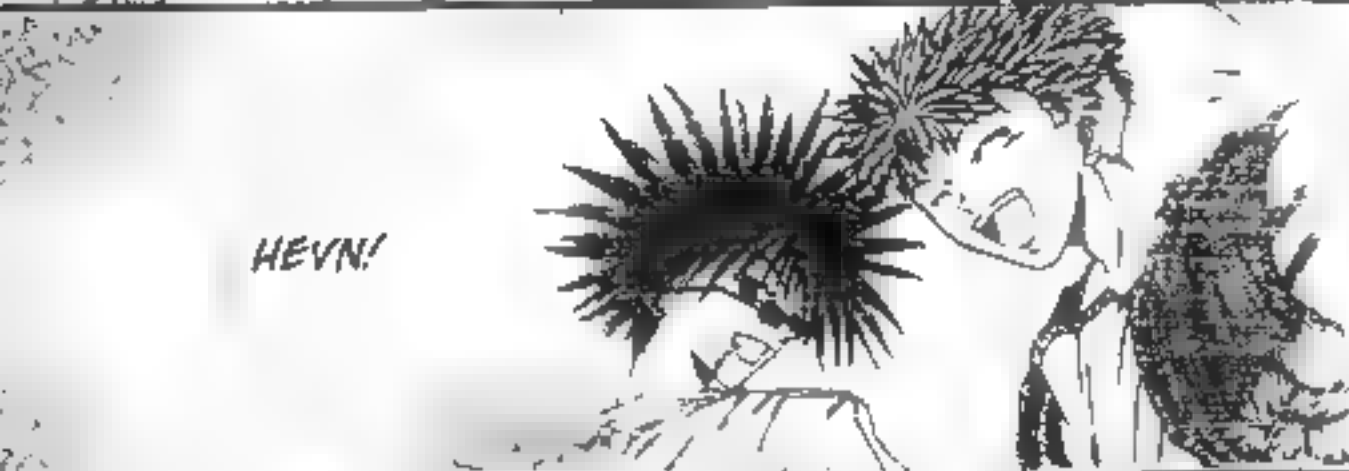


NOW,
LET'S
FIND "I.L."
BEFORE
BAN AND
GINJI
SCREW
EVERY-
THING UP



ARE
FIRST-
RATE
AFTER
ALL.

WELL, I
GUESS
LADY
POISON
HIMIKO
KUDOU'S
SKILLS



HEVN!

LATER!



PLEASE
BE
OKAY...

BAN-
KUN...
GIN-
CHAN...



SHIT.

DOES MAKUBER
REALLY THINK
THIS CALIBER OF
ENEMY IS GOING
TO STOP US?

114
115

BUT SOME-
THING
SEEMS
ODD

113

DOES THAT
MEAN WE'RE
GETTING
CLOSER TO
OUR GOAL?

THE
ENEMIES GET
STRONGER
THE HIGHER
UP WE GO.



GOOD
LUCK,
MONKEY-
BOY

DON'T GET TOO
EXCITED ABOUT
BEATING THESE
SCRUBS, OKAY?
NEXT STOP
IS THE 10TH
FLOOR

DUDE'S
GOOD
ANNOYING
And he's
not even
breaking a
sweat

SWEET! MY
UNDEFEATED
STREAK
HAS NOW
REACHED
TRIPLE
DIGITS!



YOUR
TURN TO
BEAT
ALL THE
SCRUBS.

See? I'm
wearing my
handkerchief
to wash your
lick

I'M
SICK OF
THESE
STAIRS
BREAK
TIME!



HUH?

WHO'S
YOUR
DADDY
NOW?!

♡





I THINK
WE'VE
BEEN
HAD.

FROM
WHAT I
SAW OF
KAZUKI'S
MAD, THEY
SHOULD
BE.

BUT
I HATE
TO ADMIT,
YOU KINDA
READ MY
MIND.



AND
THAT
WOULD
BE...?



BLENDED
WITH THE
SMELLS
COMING UP
THIS CHUTE
IS A SCENT
I KNOW
VERY WELL.



HUH?



CHECK
THIS OUT
THIS GARBAGE
CHUTE SHOULD
BE CONNECTED
RIGHT TO THE
BOTTOM-FLOOR
GARBAGE
FACILITY,
RIGHT?

OKAY,
SO?

BUT INFINITY
FORTRESS IS
AN ABANDONED
BUILDING, SO NO
GARBAGE TRUCKS
COME THESE
GUYS PROBABLY
THROW ALL
THEIR TRASH
IN THE
SEWER.



IT'S HER
TRACKING
SCENT.

THE
PERFUME
HIMIKO
USES WHEN
SHE'S
TAKEN
PRISONER!



YOU THINK
MAKUBEX AND
"I.L." ARE
HIDING NOT
ABOVE US,
BUT .



BELOW US?
NEAR THE
UNDERGROUND
GARBAGE
FACILITY?



THIS
ISN'T
NEARLY
ENOUGH
TO TAKE
ME DOWN.

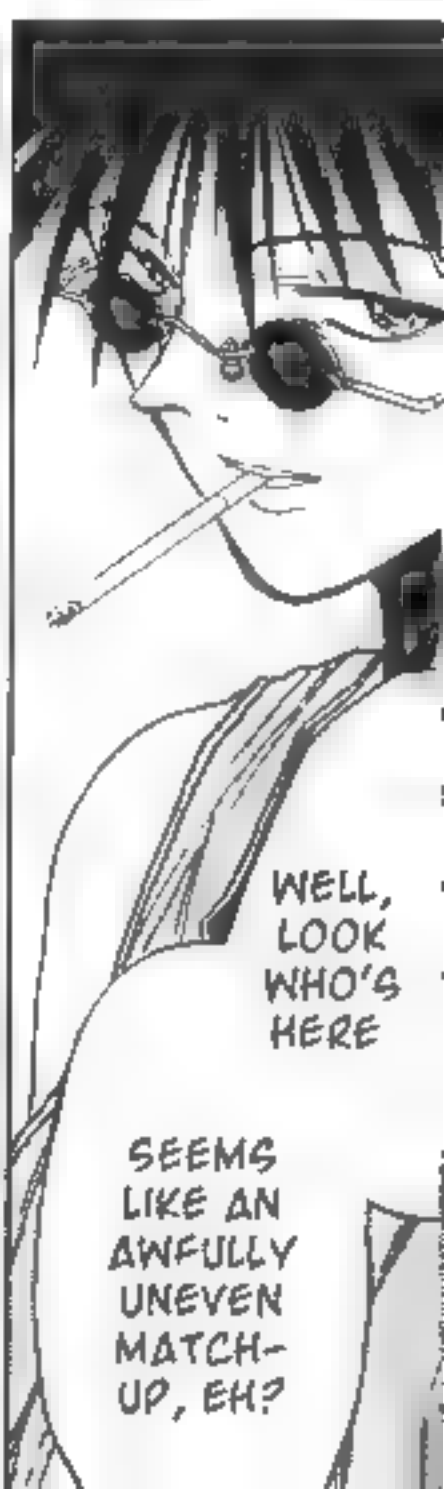


BUT HE'S
GONNA
HAVE
TO TRY
HARDER
THAN
THIS!

I
DON'T
DOUBT
IT.



MAKUBEX
MUST
REALLY
WANT US
OUT OF HIS
HAIR.




WELL,
LOOK
WHO'S
HERE

SEEMS
LIKE AN
AWFULLY
UNEVEN
MATCH-
UP, EH?

GET BACKERS





WHAT DO
WE GOT?
50? 60?
LOOKS
LIKE CLOSE
TO 80 OF
THEM

GUESS
MAKUBEX
IS PRETTY
TIRED OF US
HANGING
AROUND,
HJM?

BUT I
AIN'T
READY
TO GO
YET

AND THIS
ISN'T
NEARLY
ENOUGH
TO MAKE
ME!

GET BACKERS

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Part 13 The Fortress of the Dolls!



THERE
COULD BE
A MILLION
OF THESE
GUYS AND
IT WOULDN'T
MAKE A--

!!



WHOA!



THOSE
MAGAMI DOES
CLAIMED TO BE
BIGWIGS, BUT
THESE GUYS ARE
MUCH FASTER!

JEEZ!



WAIT A
SEC! I
THOUGHT
ALL THESE
GUYS HAD
GOING FOR
THEM WAS
VOLUME!



WHAI

HEH
HEH



YOUR
HEAD
IS
MINE
!!!

WELL,
THEY'RE
FASTER...

HUH?

...BUT STILL
NOT EVEN
HALF AS
FAST AS
ME.





I'M NOT
PLAYING
AROUND,
SHIDO.

MAKUBEX!
GET OFF
YOUR DAMN
COMPUTER!

I'M
WORKING
ON A
PROJECT.

TAK

AN
INTRUDER
FROM THE
MID-SLJM
AREA JUST
KILLED
A FEW
OF OUR
GUYS

THIS IS
NO TIME
TO BE
PLAYIN'
GAMES



IT STIMULATES
THE PART OF
THE BRAIN THAT
CONTROLS
MOTOR
FUNCTIONS

I CALL
IT THE
WIRE DOLL
SYSTEM



PROJECT?



IT'S
ACTUALLY
SIMILAR
TO YOUR
BEAST
MIMICRY

I'M
BEING
SERIOUS,
SHIDO

AND TURN
ANYONE I WANT
INTO A FIGHTER
CAPABLE OF
BEATING EVEN
SOME OF
THE VOLTS'
STRONGEST
GUYS!

WITH
THIS I CAN
CONNECT
PEOPLE'S
BRAINS TO
MY COMPUTER
USING A
LAN CABLE

MAKUBEX,
ARE YOU
DREAMING
AGAIN?

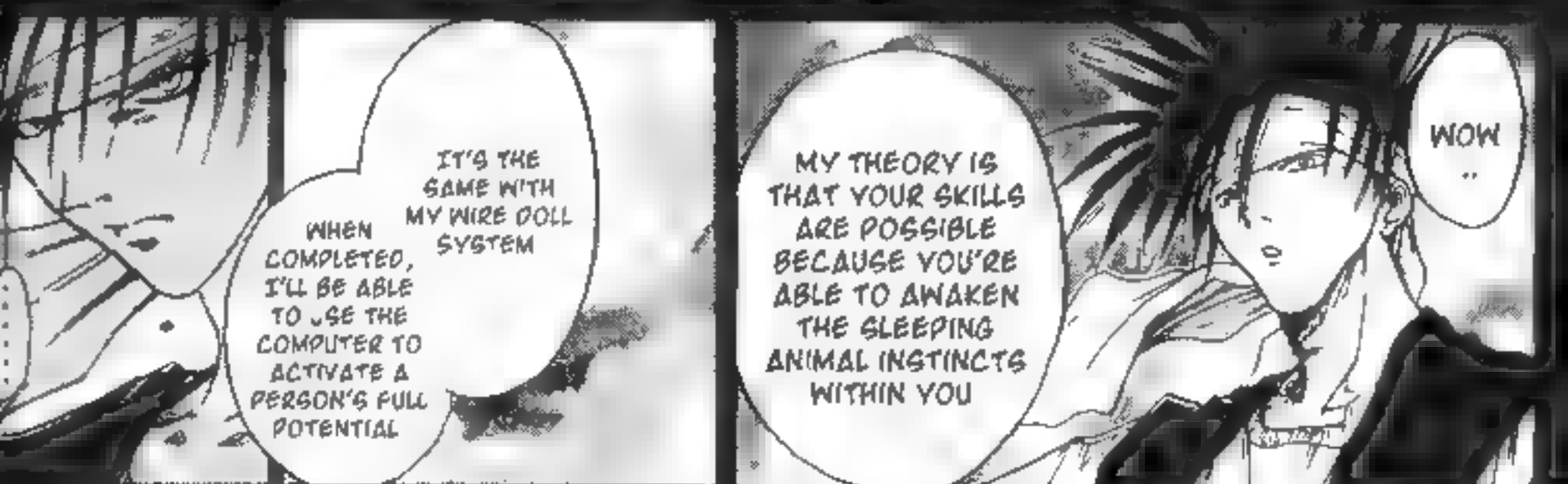
THEN WE WON'T
HAVE TO REPEL
INTRUDERS
OURSELVES
ANYMORE



SO IF YOU REALLY WANTED TO RESURRECT THE DINOSAURS, INSTEAD OF CLONING THEM FROM ANCIENT DNA LIKE IN THE MOVIES, IT WOULD BE MUCH EASIER TO REVIVE THEM BY LOCATING THEIR GENES WITHIN OUR OWN, HUMAN, DORMANT GENES

THOSE PARTS ARE CALLED DORMANT GENES AND USUALLY STAY ASLEEP AND INACTIVE

HUMANS ARE THE MOST ADVANCED SPECIES ON EARTH, AND THEIR DNA CONTAINS INFO FROM MANY OTHER ANIMALS



WHEN COMPLETED, I'LL BE ABLE TO USE THE COMPUTER TO ACTIVATE A PERSON'S FULL POTENTIAL

IT'S THE SAME WITH MY WIRE DOLL SYSTEM

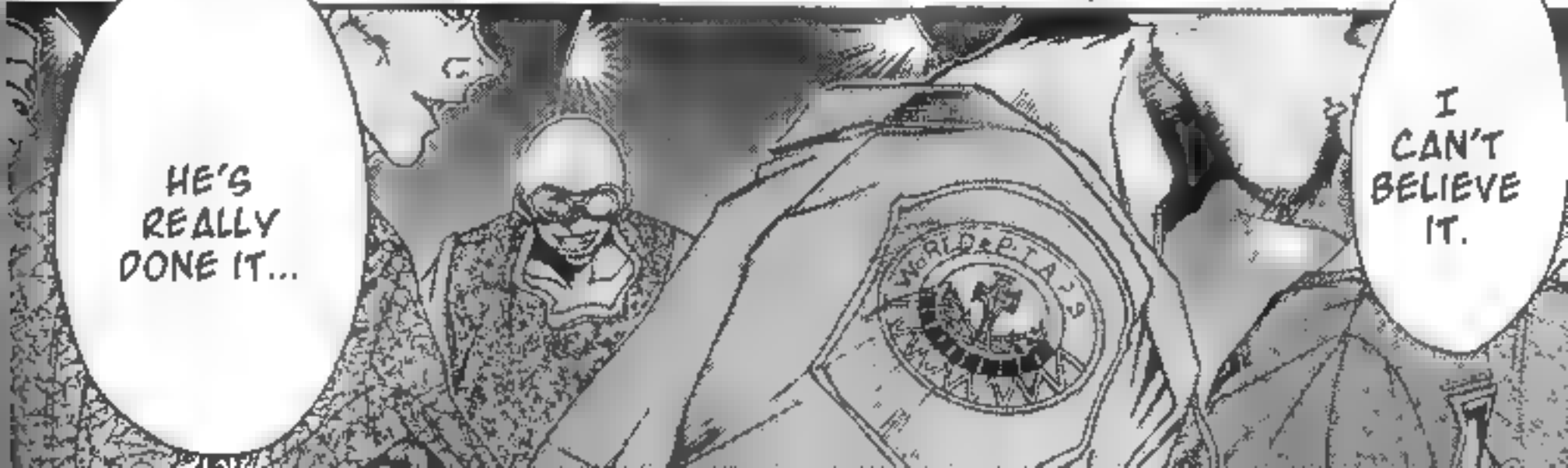
MY THEORY IS THAT YOUR SKILLS ARE POSSIBLE BECAUSE YOU'RE ABLE TO AWAKEN THE SLEEPING ANIMAL INSTINCTS WITHIN YOU

WOW ..



HE'S REALLY DONE IT...

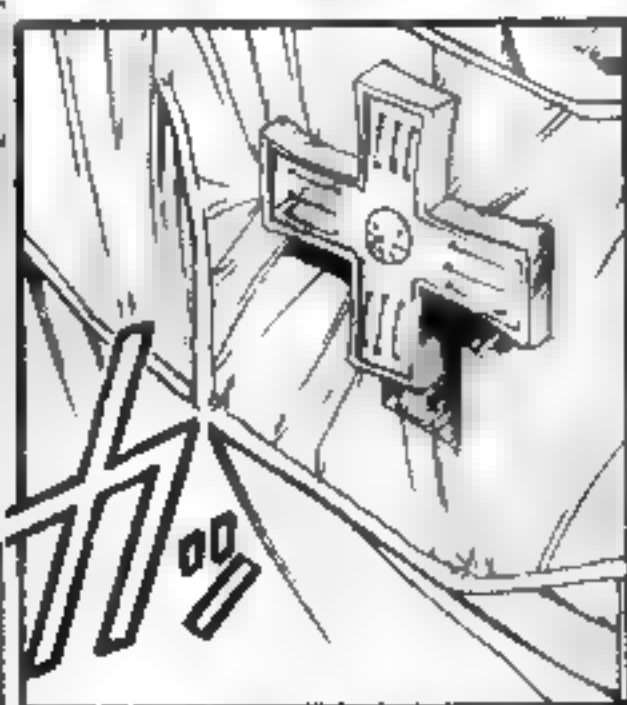
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT.





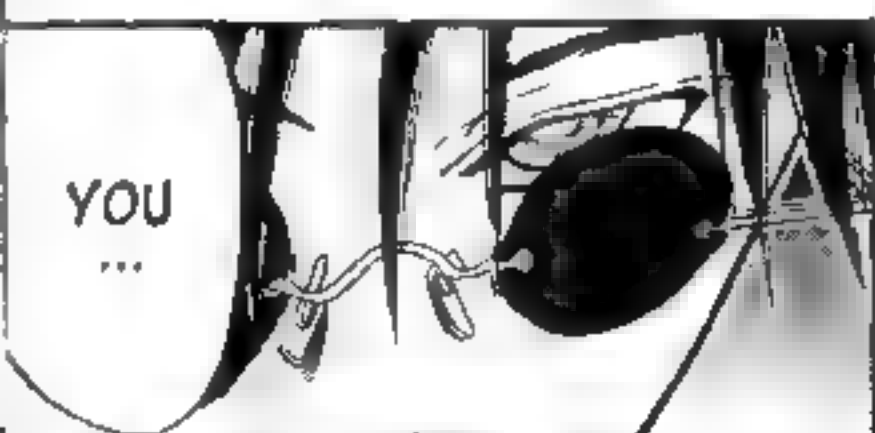
A
MONSTER
OF THE
HUMAN
BRAIN.

MAKUBEX
IS A REAL
GENIUS.
THAT, OR A
MONSTER.

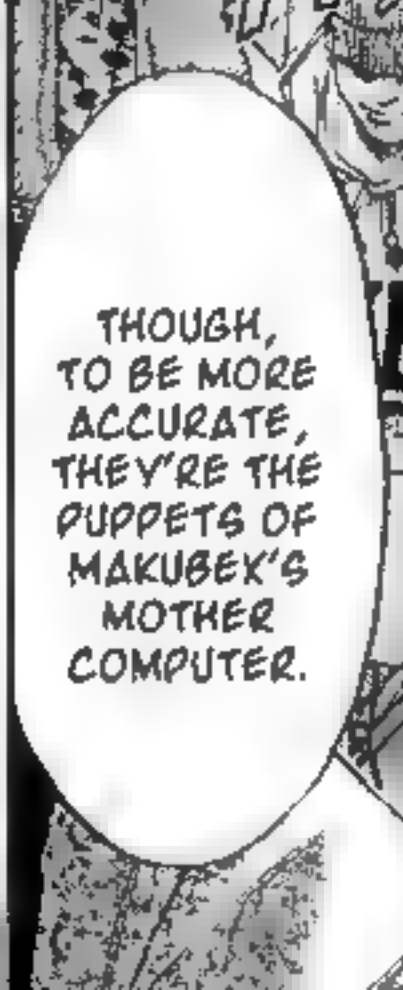
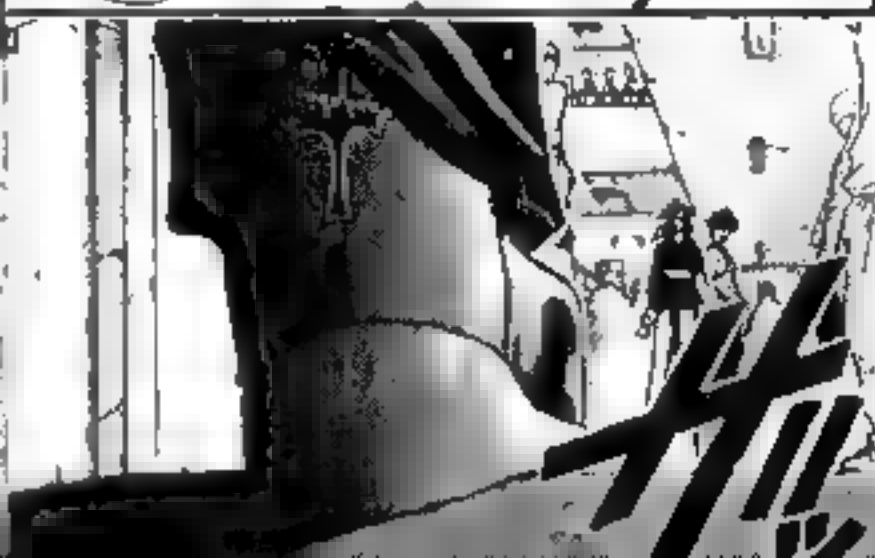


SO
THESE
GUYS
ARE ALL
MAKUBEX'S
PUPPETS,
HUH?

I GET
IT



YOU
...



THOUGH,
TO BE MORE
ACCURATE,
THEY'RE THE
PUPPETS OF
MAKUBEX'S
MOTHER
COMPUTER.



EXACTLY.



SURPRISED
YOU'RE
STILL
ALIVE,
YOU
MONSTER.



IT'S BEEN
AWHILE,
MIDO.



HEY! I
TOLD YOU
NOT TO
CALL ME
BY MY FULL
NAME!

YOU
KNOW THIS
GUY, BAN
MIDO?



BUT
YEAH,
THEY
CALL HIM
FUDOU
THE
SEER

WE USED
TO WORK
TOGETHER
BACK WHEN
I WAS A
PLUN-
DERER.



TAKUMA
...

...
FUDOU!!



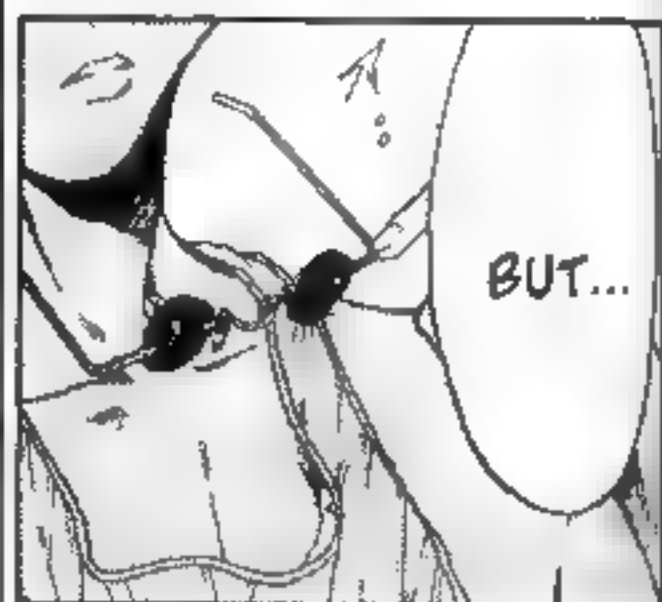
...HE'S
STRONG.

THAT'S
FOR
SURE.



HE'S A
PATHETIC,
FREAKISH
COMBO OF
ALL THE
WORST
QUALITIES
OF MAN

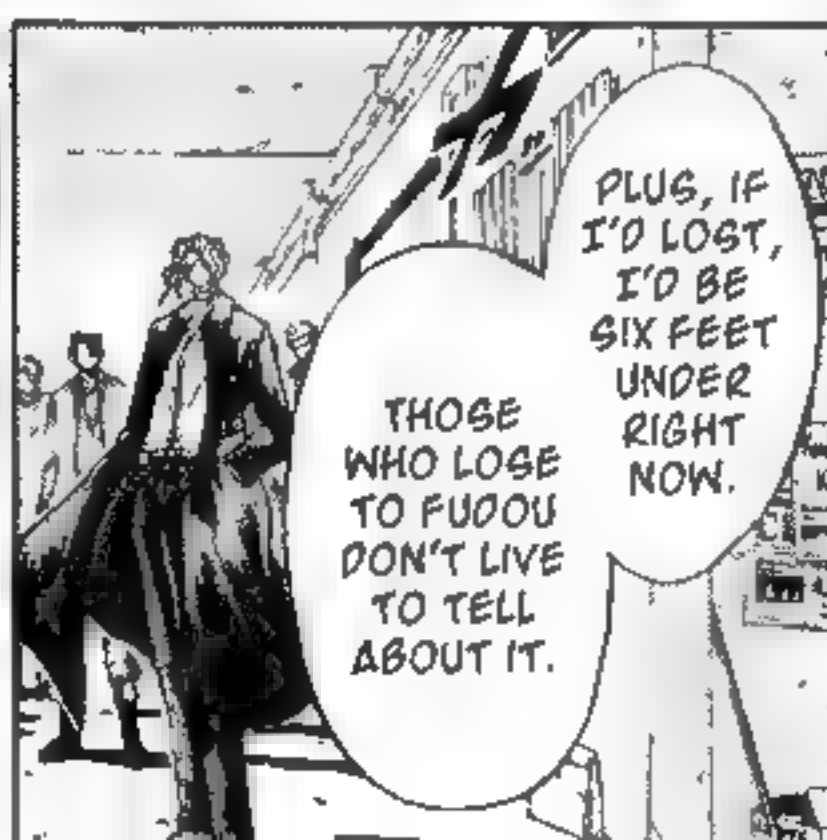
HE LIVES
ONLY TO
QUENCH HIS
UNENDING
DESIRE FOR
POWER AND
DEATH



BUT...



BUT
SERIOUSLY



THOSE
WHO LOSE
TO FUDOU
DON'T LIVE
TO TELL
ABOUT IT.

PLUS, IF
I'D LOST,
I'D BE
SIX FEET
UNDER
RIGHT
NOW.



ONLY
ONCE.

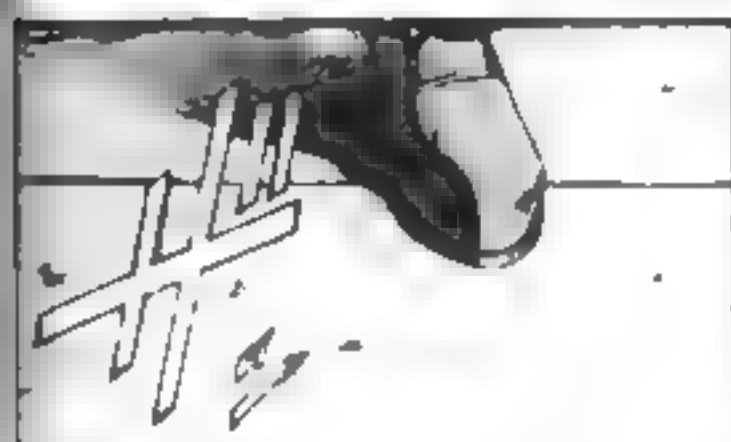
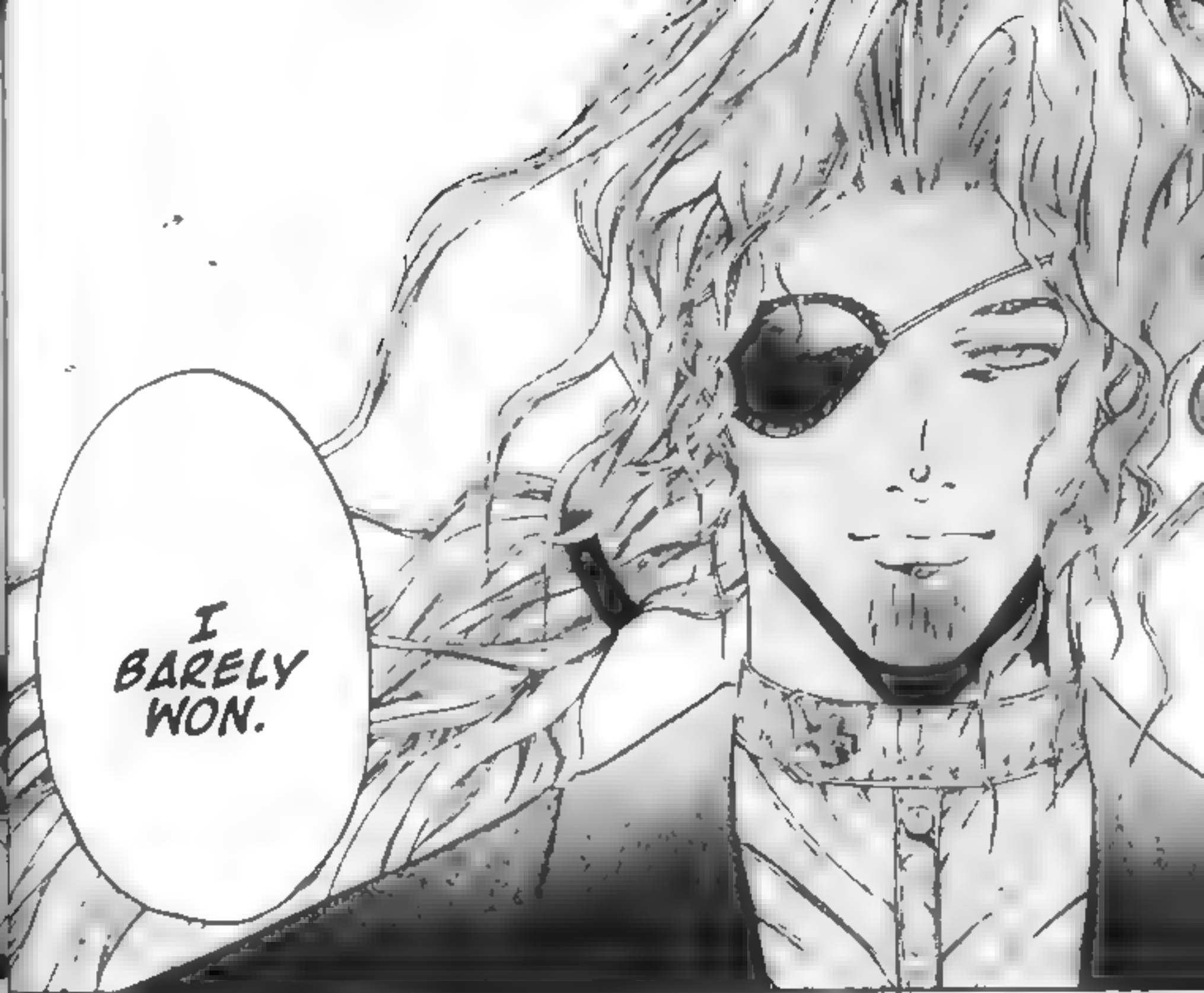
SO
YOU'VE
FOUGHT
HIM?



I
NEVER
LOSE!

Who do you think
I am, you?

LOST,
HUH?





I SUPPOSE
I SHOULD BE
THANKING
YOU. EH
HEH...
HEH...



MAYBE
NEXT
TIME I'LL
RIP YOUR
BRAIN
OUT.

I'M
SURE YOUR
MASTER
MAKUBEX
CAN IMPROVE
ON THAT AS
WELL.

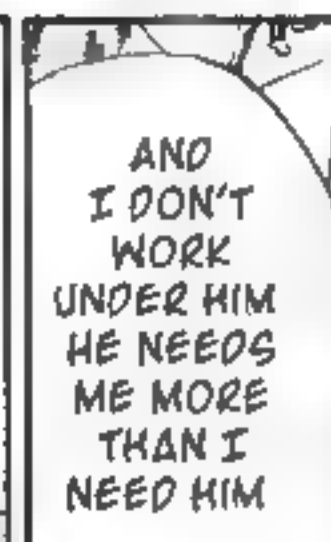


IT'S A
PROSTHETIC,
MADE HERE
AT INFINITY
FORTRESS.

BUT AS
LONG AS I
REMEMBER THE
SILICON LUBE,
IT WORKS
BETTER THAN
MY OLD ARM
EVER DID.



YOU'RE
DEAD,
MIDO!



AND
I DON'T
WORK
UNDER HIM
HE NEEDS
ME MORE
THAN I
NEED HIM



I ONLY
JOINED
MAKUBEX
BECAUSE
HE UNDER-
STANDS
ME.



THIS
BUFFOON
CALLS ME
MONKEY-
BOYS?

WOOF!

Back on
the court
#3

RRFF!

Let's
go play!

OH, YEAH!
SURE! EVERY
COMPUTER
NERD NEEDS
A LITTLE
PUPPY DOG
TO MAKE
HIM FEEL
LOVED!

He
give you
treats?



NICE TRY,
BUT I'M
NOT
FALLING
FOR IT.

YOU'RE SO
PREDICTABLE!
FIRST YOU
ANGER ME,
THEN YOU
PLAN ON
USING YOUR
SORRY
EVIL EYE,
RIGHT?

DAMN



INTERESTING
UOO



THESE GUYS
ARE REALLY
SOMETHING.



...BUT ALL
I SAW
WAS THE
FIRST
ONE.

THOSE TWO
MUST'VE
EXCHANGED
AT LEAST
THREE
BLOWS
IN THAT
INSTANT...







IT
CRAVES
YOUR
DEATH!



THIS
ARM YOU
TOOK
FROM
ME.

IT'S
THROBBING,
MIDD.



GETTING
PEPPY
BEING
AND YOU
AGREE?

WHAT
DO YOU
THINK
GUYS?



BUT YOU
HAD THE BLUE
INSTINCT AS
WELL AND
OF COURSE
THERE'S ALSO
HIS ASSASSIN
INSIGHT

BAN
MUCH
DEFINITELY
A FIGHTING
GENIUS



GOY
199

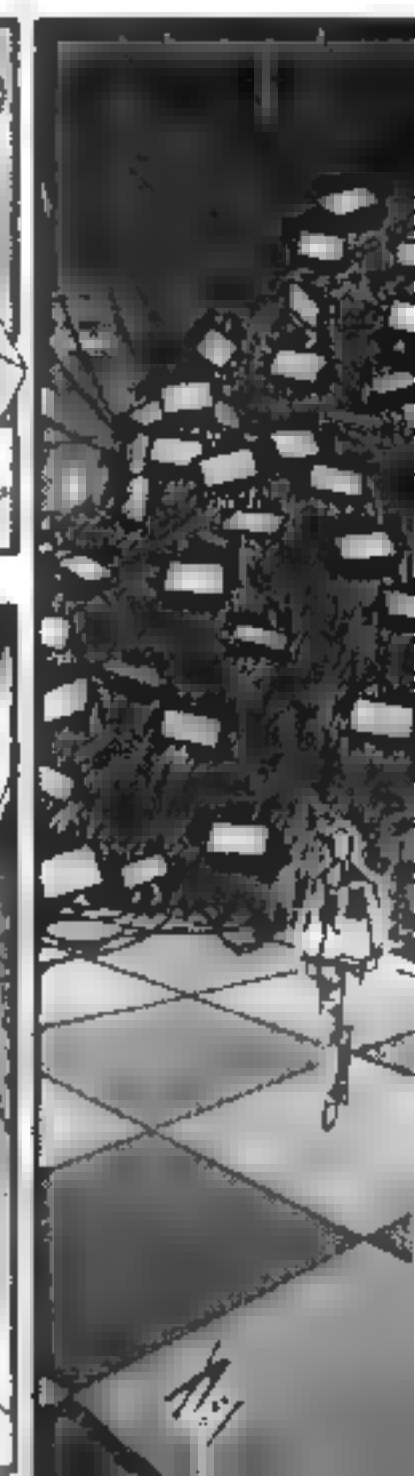
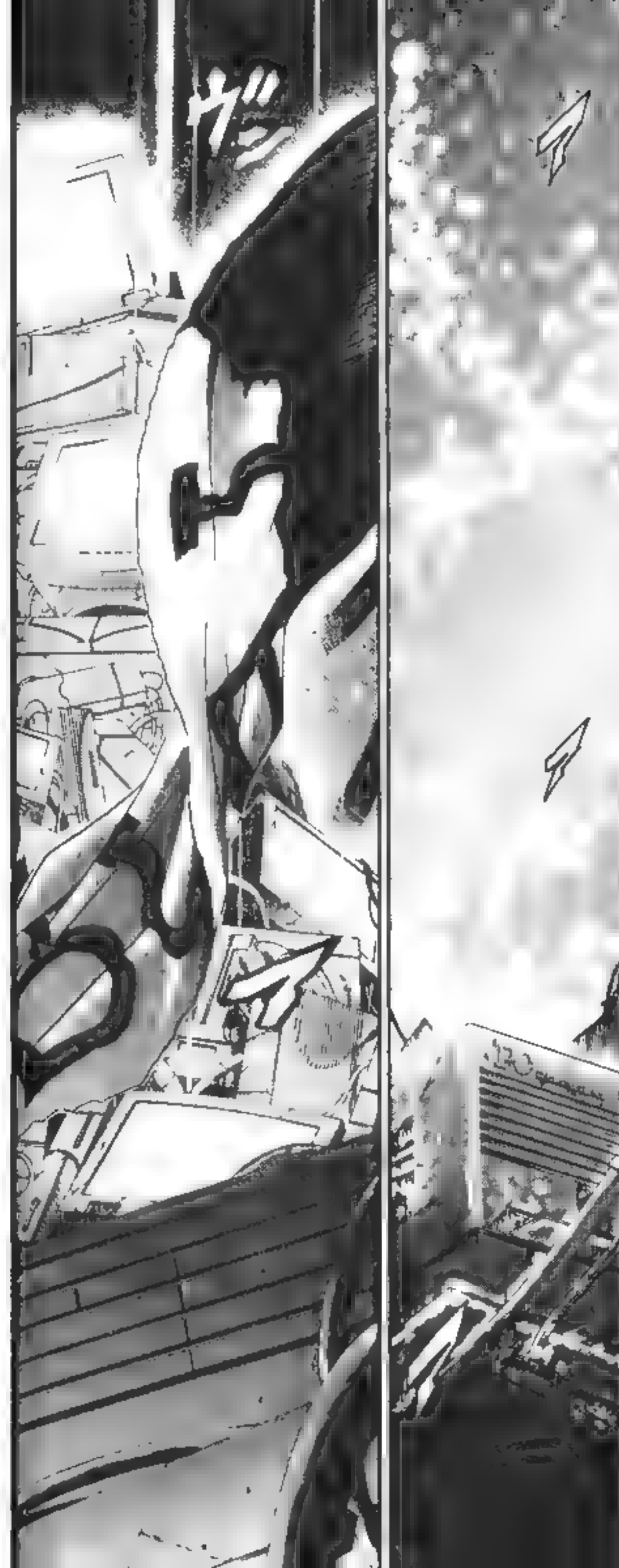
WELL
THAT'S
THE
CASE
GAMMA



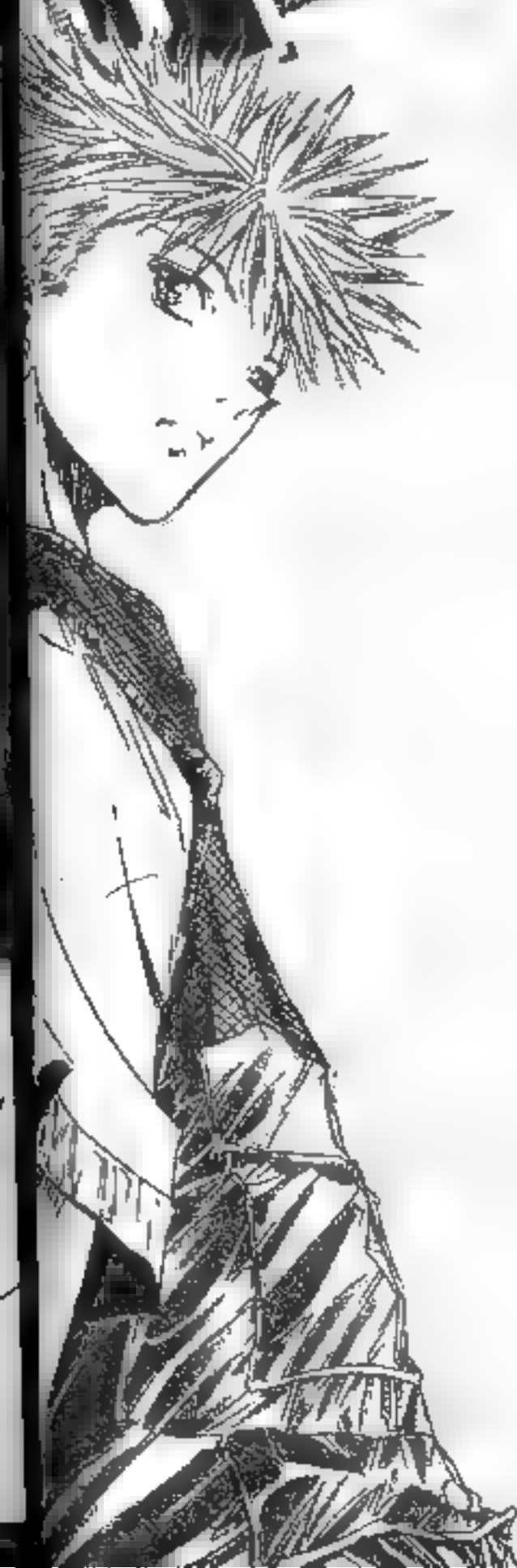
WONDER
HOW
THAT
END
UP?

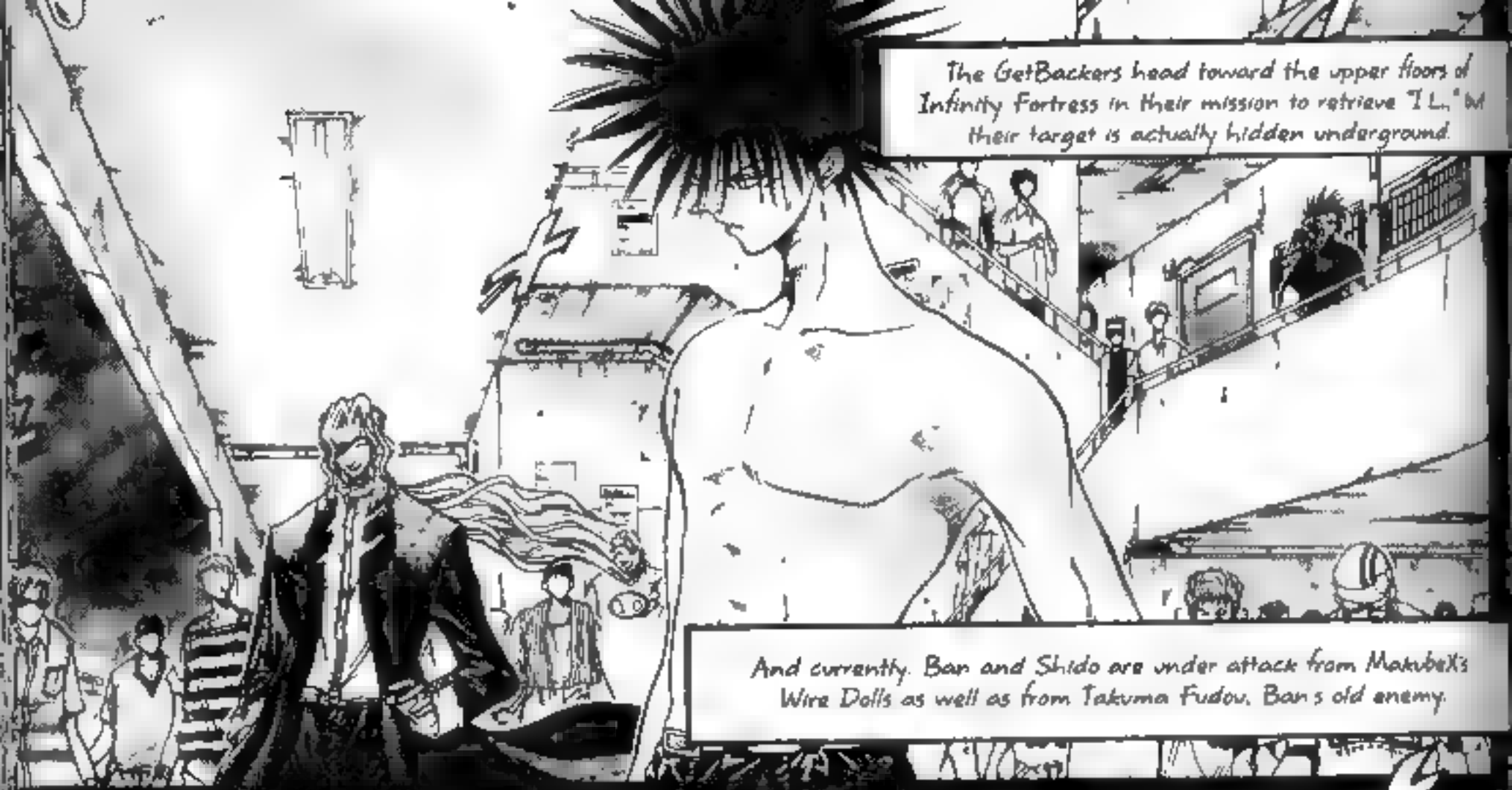
WELL I
ALREADY
HAVE THE
ANSWER
ANYWAY





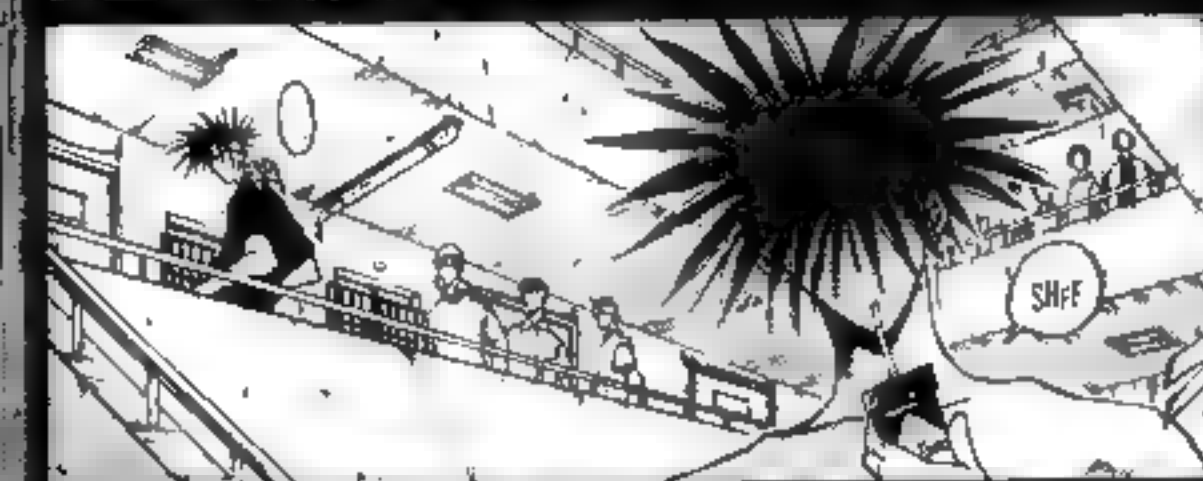
GET BACKERS





The GetBackers head toward the upper floors of Infinity Fortress in their mission to retrieve "I.L.," but their target is actually hidden underground.

And currently, Ban and Shido are under attack from Makubex's Wire Dolls as well as from Takuma Fudou, Ban's old enemy.



HEH!



AAAAAH!!



YOU CAN BEAT THIS GUY, RIGHT, SNAKE FREAK?

AND WHAT ABOUT YOU? SURE YOU CAN HANDLE THE DOLLS?

OF COURSE

Who do you think you're talking to?



SHIT!

HEH

GAH

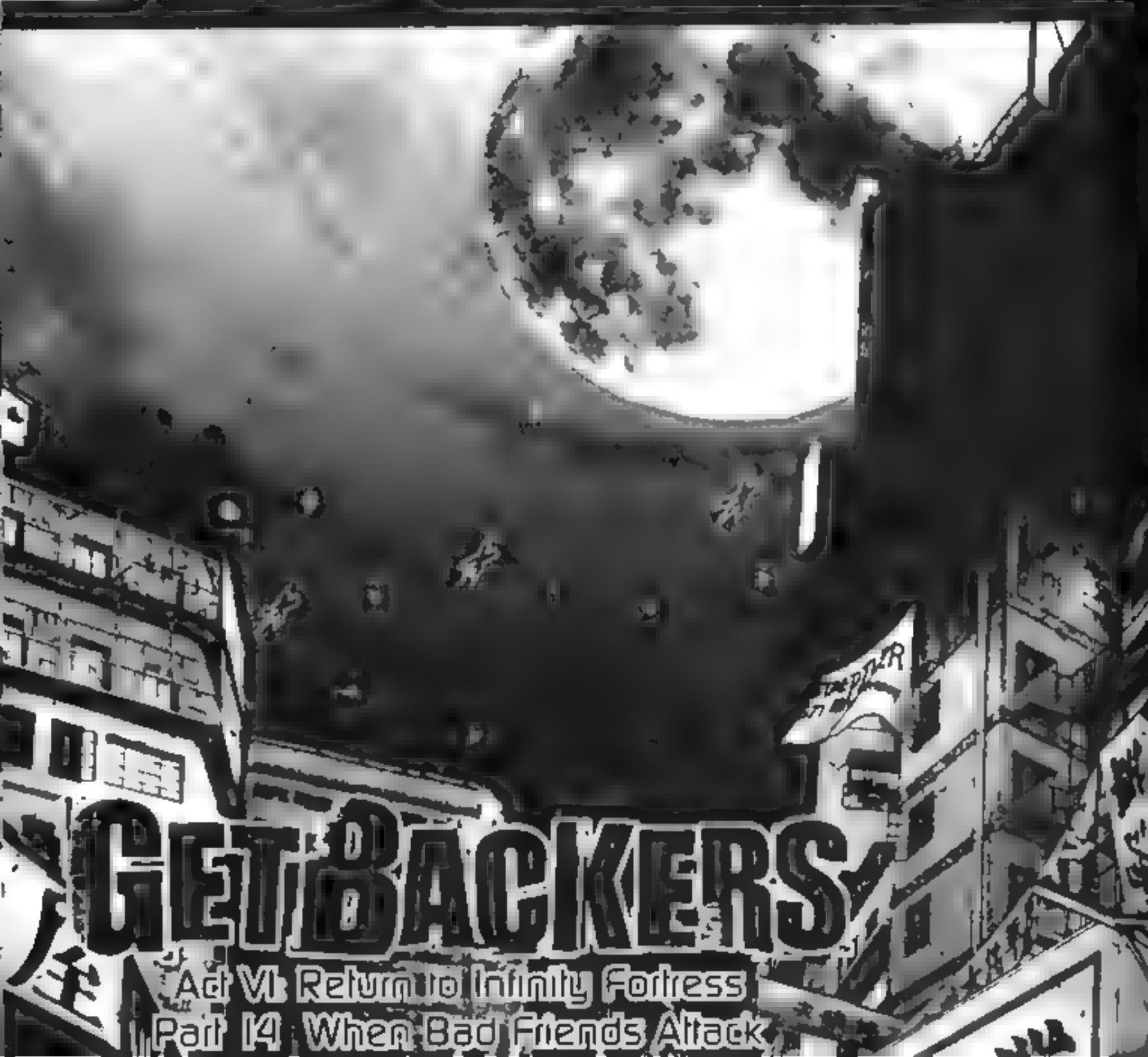
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BEAST
MIMICRY!

WHA
?!

WEEEEE!

GRIZZLY
FORM!





YOU CAN'T
SERIOUSLY
THINK YOU
CAN BEAT
ME WITHOUT
THE EVIL
EYE

STILL
ACTING
TOUGH?

YEAH, I
FORGOT



HEE HEE
GUESS YOU
FORGOT
THAT YOUR
EVIL EYE IS
USELESS
ON ME



TCH



STOP
SPACING
OUT!

HA HA!
HE'S
NOT
YOUR
ONLY
ENEMY!



FUDOU
THE SEER
DOESN'T
GO DOWN
THAT
EASILY!

Heh heh heh heh.

crik







YOU'RE
MINCE-
MEAT,
MIDO!

MIDO!!





...AGAINST
THIS GUY'S
INSIGHT.

THE
EVIL EYE
DOESN'T
WORK...



HEY,
SNAKE
FREAK!
CUT THE
CRAP AND
USE THE
EVIL EYE
ALREADY!

WHAT
?!

SHUT
YOUR
HOLE,
MONKEY-
BOY!



HE'S ABLE TO SEE
INTO THE FUTURE,
SO HE KNOWS
WHEN I'M ABOUT
TO USE IT.

HUH?
WHAT DO
YOU MEAN?



HEE HEE...
SO WE
UNDER-
STAND
EACH
OTHER,
MIDO?

YOU GOT
ME ONCE
WITH
YOUR
LITTLE
PARLOR
TRICK.



"ONE
SECOND"
MEANS HE
SEES ONE
SECOND
AHEAD, AND
YOU CAN
FIGURE OUT
WHAT "TWO
SECONDS"
MEANS

IF I TRY AND
USE THE EVIL EYE,
I'M TOAST HE'LL
ATTACK WHILE I'M
CONCENTRATING
AND INSTANTLY
TURN ME INTO
MINCEMEAT.



YEAH?
SURE
ABOUT
THAT?

...BUT
NEVER
AGAIN.



HJH?



?!



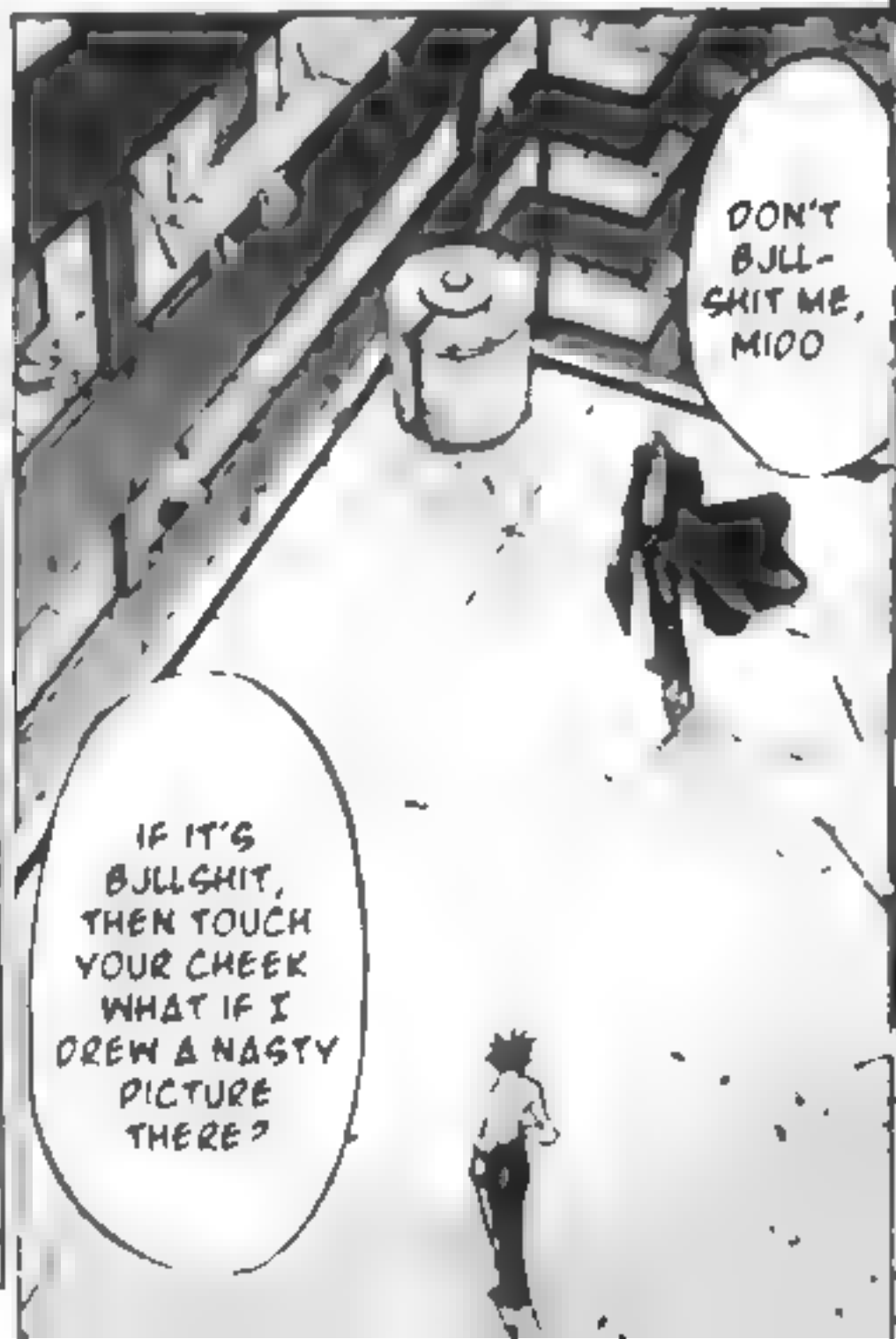
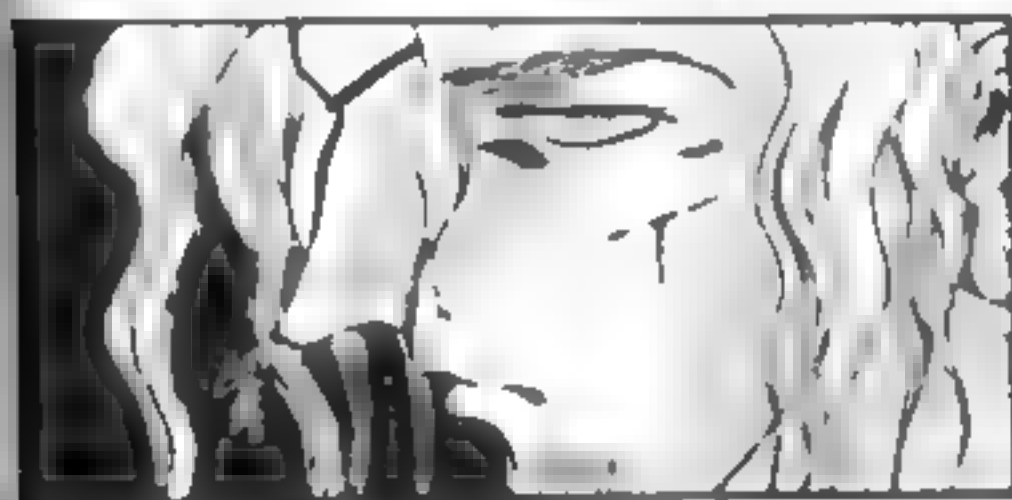
YOU GOT
YOUR GUARD
UP 24-7?

I
WOULDN'T
BE SO
CERTAIN



...THAT MAYBE
I USED THE EVIL
EYE WHILE YOU
WERE JUST
TRASH TALKIN'?

YOU
EVER
STOP TO
THINK



DON'T
BULL-
SHIT ME,
MIDOO

IF IT'S
BULLSHIT,
THEN TOUCH
YOUR CHEEK
WHAT IF I
DREW A NASTY
PICTURE
THERE?

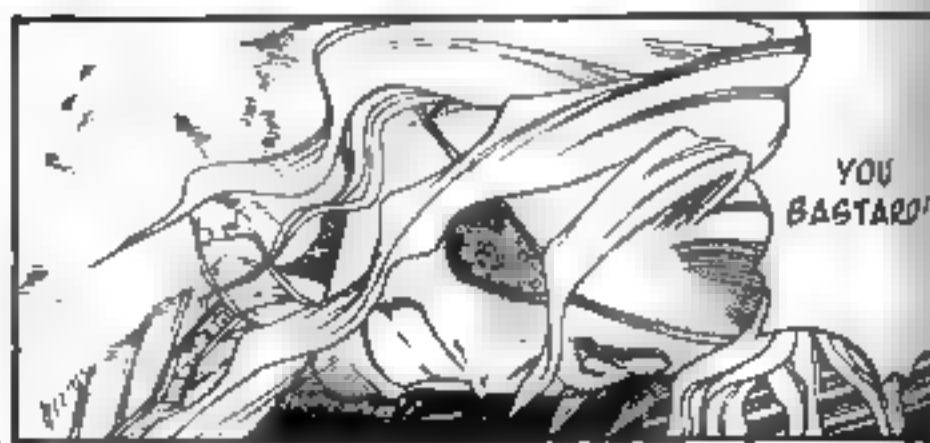


JUST
KIDDING!
♡

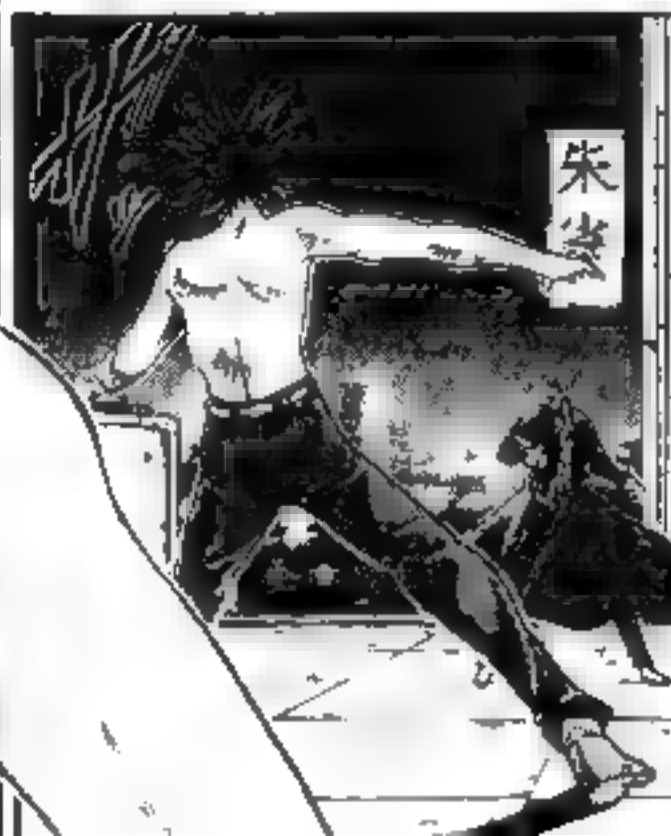


DIDN'T
SEE THAT
ONE
COMING,
HUH?

DISTRACT
YOU FOR
A MOMENT
AND IT'S--



YOU
BASTARD!



DIRTY
FIGHTER!



TWO
SECONDS!



R
A
A
A!



DAMN
YOU!



A
A
A
H!!



HEE
HEE



EXCEPT
YOU
HAD THE
BEST
OF ME
THEN.



IS THIS
ABOUT
HOW FAR
WE GOT
LAST
TIME?



OUR
FUN'S JUST
STARTING
...



Shut
up.

MIDO, RUN!
RETREAT
FOR NOW!



!

MIDO!



NEXT IS
THREE
SECONDS.



THE
ROURAN
DANCING
WHIP?!

WHAT
THE
?!

NO
WAY!

朱





I WASN'T ONE
OF THE FOUR
EMPERORS
FOR NOTHING,
YOU KNOW.



HE TOOK
THEM
ALL OUT
BY HIM-
SELF?



DOOMED
...



HMPH.
OH
WELL.



YOU'RE ALL
DOOMED.

YOU'RE
ONLY
POST-
PONING
YOUR
DEATH.



YEAH, I GUESS ..



YOU'VE CHANGED A BIT, SHIDO-KUN

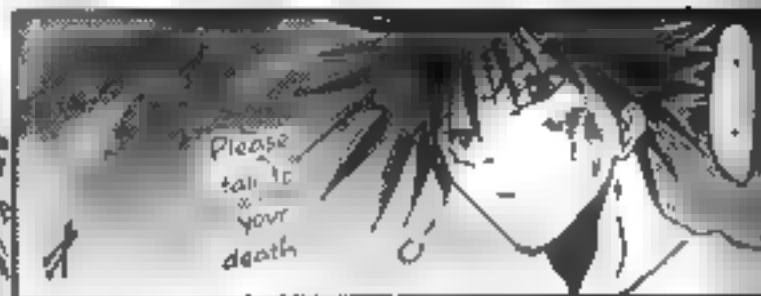
IN THE OLD DAYS, YOU'D HAVE SMACKED ME IF I GOT THIS CLOSE TO YOU



You sure haven't changed

Shido, you came back

A
A
A
H
!!



Please tell me your death



SHIDO-KUN !!!
♡

DAMMIT, I WAS ABOUT TO TAKE OUT THAT BASTARD FUDOU INTO YOU CAME AND SCREWED THINGS UP SO WHO THE HELL ARE

HUH ?!



CLOWN?
♡
I like the sound of that

JUST A MINUTE, MONKEY-BOY! WHO'S THIS FREAKIN' CLOWN?!

Cause I like to know whose ass I'm kicking



RESIS-TANCE ?!



HEY! MY BUDDIES AND I WORK FOR THE RESISTANCE THESE DAYS.

THIS IS HARUKI EMISHI, A FORMER MEMBER OF THE VOLTS.



TO FIGHT
AGAINST
MAKUBEX!

YEAH!



THOSE
WHO FIGHT
HIM ARE
SOON
COVERED
IN BLOOD,
THANKS TO
HIS WHIP

WHAT
CAN
THIS
PUSS
DO?

WELL,
THAT'S
HELPFUL

AND
SO THE
NICKNAME
THAT STUCK
WAS .

HE'S A
MASTER OF
THE ROURAN
DANCING WHIP
BACK IN THE DAY,
HE WAS ABLE TO
FIGHT PRETTY
EQUALLY AGAINST
THE FOUR
EMPERORS

HE'S
STRONGER
THAN YOU
THINK



NICE
TO
MEET
YA!

...THE
BLOODY
JOKER.

...THE MAN
WHO LAUGHS
AMID A RAIN
OF BLOOD...

GET BACKERS



The GetBackers head toward the upper floors of Infinity Fortress on their quest for "I.L." However once they realize they've been headed in the wrong direction, Ban's old enemy Takuma Fudou attacks! Luckily Haruki Emishi, a former member of the Volts, shows up to save the day.

...THE
BLOODY
JOKER!

HARUKI
EMISHI IS
FEARED FOR
HIS MASTERY
OF THE ROURAN
DANCING
WHIP

HIS
GLEE WHEN
FACED WITH
BLOODSHED
LED PEOPLE
TO CALL
HIM

YOU
LISTENIN'
SNAKE
FREAK?

THAT'S
BAN
MIDO TO
YOU!

You're saying
that on purpose
aren't you?

HOLD UP,
SNAKE
FREAK-
SAN!

LET'S GO,
MONKEY-BOY
WITH "I.L."
UNDERGROUND
AND FUDOU
INVOLVED, WE
DON'T HAVE TIME
TO HANG WITH
THIS
LAMER

POING

Huh?

Head skullcap

SUNPLAZA
EMISHI!

YO!
I'M THE
FORMER
CLASS
CLOWN
OF THE
VOLTS!

HIDEOUT?

BAN-
SAN,
THEN.
CARE TO
CHECK
MY HIDE-
OUT?

YUP!



HERE,
BAN-
SAN!
♡

SAY
"AH!"
♡



MUNCH!



AAH!
♡



Show
us the
horse

MIDO!!

HEH



YOU
PERVERTED
SNAKE!
WE'RE
SUPPOSED
TO BE
WORKING!

Get serious or you're
gonna be a pain



Good
thing,
everyone's
good
times!



YOU'RE
SO
FUNNY,
BAN-
SAN!
♡

YEE-
HAAW!
♡

IT'S THE
ANTI-MAKUBEX
RESISTANCE
GROUP OASIS!
♡

OH
MY!
♡

BOOM
BA-BOOM
BOOM BOOM
BA-BOOM
BOOM

GET BACKERS

Act VI: Return to Infinity Fortress
Part 15: Fight for Your Right to Party!

GODDAMMIT!
FUCKING
MAKUBEX,
MAKING ME
PULL THAT
SHIT!!

WATCH
YOUR MOUTH,
FUDOU
MAKUBEX'S
CALCULATIONS
ARE PERFECT
YOU'VE GOT
NO BUSINESS
DOUBTING HIS
DECISIONS!

I COULD'VE
TURNED BAN
MIDO INTO
DOG FOOD BY
NOW! WHAT
WOULDA BEEN
WRONG WITH
THAT?!

WHY'D
HE LET
THE JOKER
SHOW UP
?!

JUUBEI

WHO DO
YOU THINK
YOU'RE
TALKING TO,
SAKURA?!

WHAT
?!

HE STEP
CLOSER
TO MY
SISTER,
AND IT'LL
BE YOUR
LAST

HAVE YOU
FORGOTTEN,
FUDOU?

WHAT?!
YOU
WANNA
FUCK
WITH ME
TOO,
JUUBEI
?!

STOP!


THAT FACE
WON'T
LOOK SO
PRETTY
AFTER I
RIP IT OFF,
YOU KNOW!



...TO WORK
FOR THE
FUTURE THAT
MAKUBEX
HAS SHOWN
US.

THINGS ARE
PROGRESSING
PRECISELY
ACCORDING
TO THE
SOLUTION
MAKUBEX
SEEKS.

OUR JOB IS
MERELY TO
ASSIST IN THE
COMPLETION
OF HIS PLANS



.. TO
THAT
BOY
AND HIS
DREAMS
..

.. WE'VE
ALREADY
..

.. TO THE
MIND OF
MAKUBEX
..

WE'VE
ALREADY
PLEGGED
OUR-
SELVES
..



IT WON'T
STOP
THROBBING
UNTIL I
KILL BAN
MIDO!!

IT
SCREAMS
AT ME
TO KILL
HIM!!

I KNOW
I KNOW.

WHAT'S
ALL THE
COMMOTION?

BUT IT'S
THROBBING
...

MY ARM
THAT WAS
RIPPED
OFF BY
BAN MIDO





THANK
YOU!



EVEN IF
IT MEANT
SWALLOWING
YOUR PRIDE.

I ALWAYS
TRUSTED
YOU TO
FOLLOW
MY PLAN.



WHA
--?



MAKUBEX,
I'D LIKE
TO KNOW,
TOO

WHY
DIDN'T
YOU LET
FUDOU
KEEP
FIGHTING?



PFT
...



OF
COURSE



IT'S
LIKELY
TRUE THAT
BAN MIDO'S
STRENGTH
IS EQUAL
TO THAT OF
KURODO
AKABANE

AND WHILE
HE MAY ACT
LIKE A GOOF,
IT LOOKS LIKE
HE'S WON HIS
FAIR SHARE
OF DIFFICULT
BATTLES

BUT
TAKUMA
FUDOU
LIVES
ONLY TO
FIGHT.

HIS
EXPERIENCE
IN BATTLE
IS SECOND
TO NONE.

TAK
TAK



IF THE
FIGHT HAD
CONTINUED,
WHO DO YOU
THINK WOULD
HAVE WON?

LET ME
ASK YOU,
JUUBEI
KAKEI.



NEITHER
HAD
BEGUN
TO FIGHT
AT FULL
STRENGTH
YET

IT'S
HARD TO
SAY, BUT
I HAD MY
MONEY ON
FUDOU

THE FACT
THAT A MAN
OF YOUR SKILL
CAN SAY ONLY
THAT MUCH
SHOWS JUST
HOW POWERFUL
THOSE TWO
REALLY ARE

BUT
THAT'S NOT
ENOUGH TO
COMPLETE THE
CALCULATION
WE NEED A
SINGLE
ANSWER



BAN MIDO IS DIFFERENT

BUT...



TO HIM, THE FIGHT IS ITS OWN REWARD.

HE HAS NO FEAR OF DEATH, BUT ACTUALLY ENJOYS GETTING AS CLOSE TO IT AS HE CAN

YOU'RE RIGHT THAT FUDDO LIVES TO FIGHT



TO GET BACK MY LENS.



BAN MIDO IS A RETRIEVER.

AND HIS GOAL IS TO RETRIEVE "I.L."



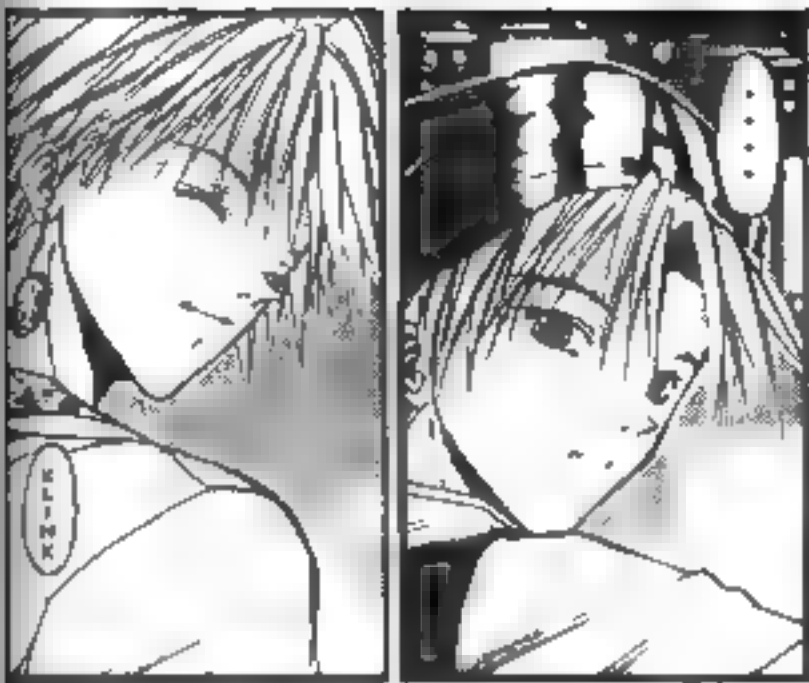
EVERYONE HERE HAS A GOAL, AND MAKUBEX'S IS TO STOP THE RETRIEVERS FROM ACHIEVING THEIRS.

DON'T YOU GET IT, JUUBEI?



HEH I SEE

KAGAMI?



RIGHT?

MAKUBEX?



EXACTLY,
KAGAMI-
KUN

YOU
TRULY
SEE
THROUGH
EVERY-
THING.

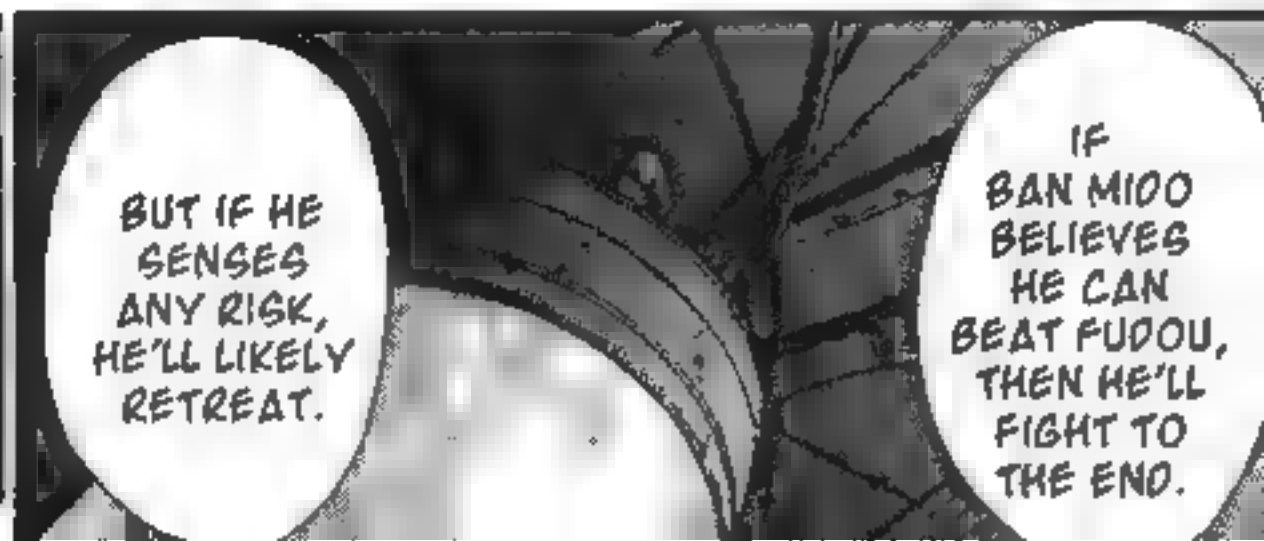


Full..

HEE
HEE




YOU
MEAN,
RJN
AWAY?



BUT IF HE
SENSES
ANY RISK,
HE'LL LIKELY
RETREAT.


IF
BAN MIDO
BELIEVES
HE CAN
BEAT FUDOU,
THEN HE'LL
FIGHT TO
THE END.




AND WHEN
YOU ADD TO
THAT THE
UNPREDICT-
ABILITY OF
THE LIGHTNING
LORD, GINJI
AMANO

HE NOT ONLY
HAS GENIUS
FIGHTING
ABILITY, BUT
ALSO THE
COOL HEAD TO
SIZE UP THE
SITUATION


YES. AND
THAT'S WHAT
MAKES ME
FEAR HIM



...YOU
GET A
DUO...



...THAT
CANNOT BE
STOPPED BY
CONVENTIONAL
MEANS!



BUT
EVERYTHING
IN LIFE IS A
CALCULATION.

AND THE
JOKER
SHOULD BE
PROVIDING
MY ANSWER
RIGHT ABOUT
NOW.



JUST
AS
ALWAYS
...

PER MY
CAREFUL
CALCULATIONS



STEADY
...

STEADY
...



SO THERE'S MY
REWARD?
♡

ALL RIGHT!
THIS ONE
MUST BE
MAMI'S
BRA!!
♡



GIVE IT A
REST, YOU
FREAKIN'
PERVERT!

DON'T
EVER SAY
I SUCK AT
THE BRA-
MATCHING
GAME!
I know I
suck a game!
♡



WAHAHAHA! HAI!

Yeah,
Shudo sure,
and that
Cane will
be nothing
up later
♡

How
you get
Monkey-
chan?

OH, NO!
MONKEY-
BOY'S
UPSET!

Once
someone
gets into
a standard
danger



ALL
RIGHT
...

BUT
JUST A
LITTLE
BIT.
♡
And don't
tell my mom



YOU'RE
HERE TO
RETRIEVE
SOMETHING
CALLED "I L,"
RIGHT?

I KNOW.
I'VE GOT
MY EAR
PRETTY
CLOSE
TO THE
STREETS



EVERYONE'S SO
STOKED TO SEE
YOU! IT'S NOT
EVERY DAY ONE
OF THE VOLTS'
LEGENDARY
EMPERORS
RETURNS
TO INFINITY
FORTRESS

CALM
DOWN,
MAN!



WE DIDN'T
COME HERE
TO HELP
YOU BEAT
MAKUBEX,
EMISHI.



WE COULD
MAYBE
HELP EACH
OTHER OUT.



On to
the next
round!

Wa ha ha
ha ha ha
ha

BUT
YOU KNOW,
IF WE JOINED
FORCES... I'M
JUST SAYING,
WE KNOW A LOT
ABOUT MAKUBEX
AND THE WAY
HE WORKS.



Forget
him. He
probably
just has
to take a
crap

Err... what
was your
name again?



SHIDO-
KUN..



HA HA HA
HA HA!
YEAH,
BABY!
FIVE FOR
FIVE!

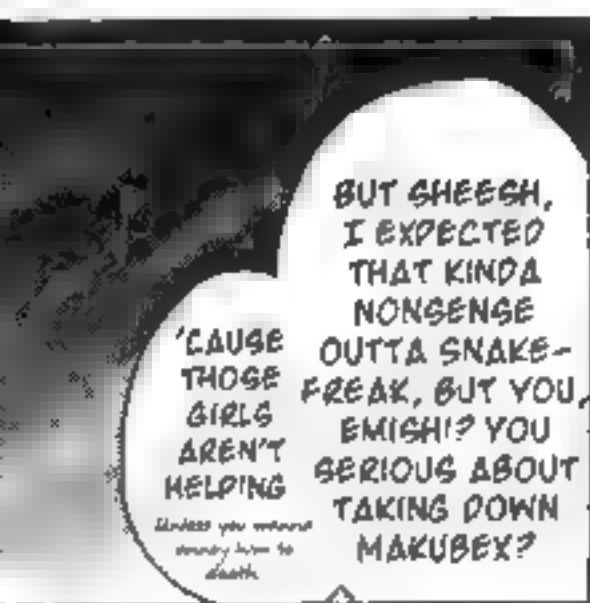
Or technically,
ten for ten.

WOW!
AMAZING!!



BEEN
TO MANY
FRAT
PARTIES,
SHIDO?

RESISTANCE,
MY ASS! THAT
WAS NOTHING
BUT A FRAT
PARTY



BUT SHEESH,
I EXPECTED
THAT KINDA
NONSENSE
OUTTA SNAKE-
FREAK, BUT YOU,
EMISHI? YOU
SERIOUS ABOUT
TAKING DOWN
MAKUBEX?

Unless you intend
standing him to
death.



ERR
NO, BUT
I'VE READ
ABOUT
THEM!



YOU EVEN
LISTENING
TO ME,
EMISHI?

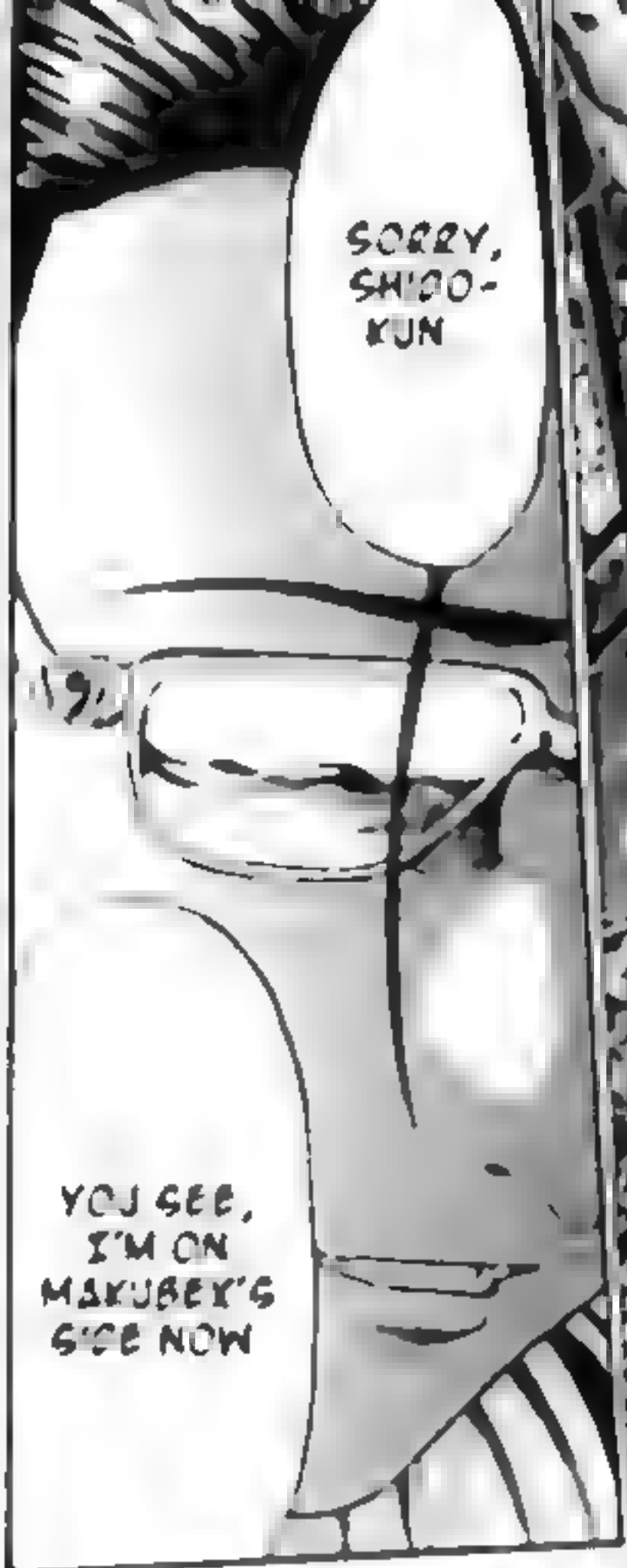
Say something.



I'M
LISTENING.



EMISHI...



SORRY,
SHIDO-
KUN

YOU SEE,
I'M ON
MAKUBEX'S
SIDE NOW



Y-YOU



IT'S
YOU WHO
SHOULD'VE
PAID BETTER
ATTENTION

I'M
WATCHING
YOU
CLOSELY.
SHIDO-
KUN

楼蘭舞踏鞭

ROURAN
DANCING WHIP—

「彷徨え独楽の如く」

ROBNO RUU RA
SPINNING TOP!



GET BACKERS



After learning that "IL" is under Infinity Fortress Ban and Shido meet up with a former Volts member Haruki Emishi for a party at his Resistance headquarters

PROPERTY OF
THE INVINCIBLE
MAN, BAN MIDO.

But with Emishi under Mambo's control
Shido finds himself in a world of trouble

HUH?
WHAT'S UP,
NATSUMI-
CHAN?

UH
OH...

SHOULD I
BRING IT BACK
TOGETHER?

I've got some
thoughts...

Yes,
please!

WE'LL
GONNA SAY
SOMETHING
LIKE THAT

OUCH
WE'LL
GONNA
BE
PICKED

WONDER HOW
THEY'RE DOING
ANYWAY,
ON THEIR
"STORMING
THE CASTLE"
ADVENTURE

HEVN-SAN
HASN'T
BEEN BACK
IN A
COUPLE
DAYS
EITHER

LOOK
AT
THIS!

BAN'S
FAVORITE
MUG
BROKE.

He's not gonna
like that

...RUNNING
UP THEIR
BOTTOMLESS
TAB.

GET BACKERS

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Part 16: Good Times Gone Bad!

Get
some
more
gha!

Oh, Goo
chan's mug felt
so sweet as
it sliced by a
scalpel.

THEY'LL BE
BACK AND
EATING
HERE IN NO
TIME...

THEY'RE
GOING
TO BE
OKAY
..

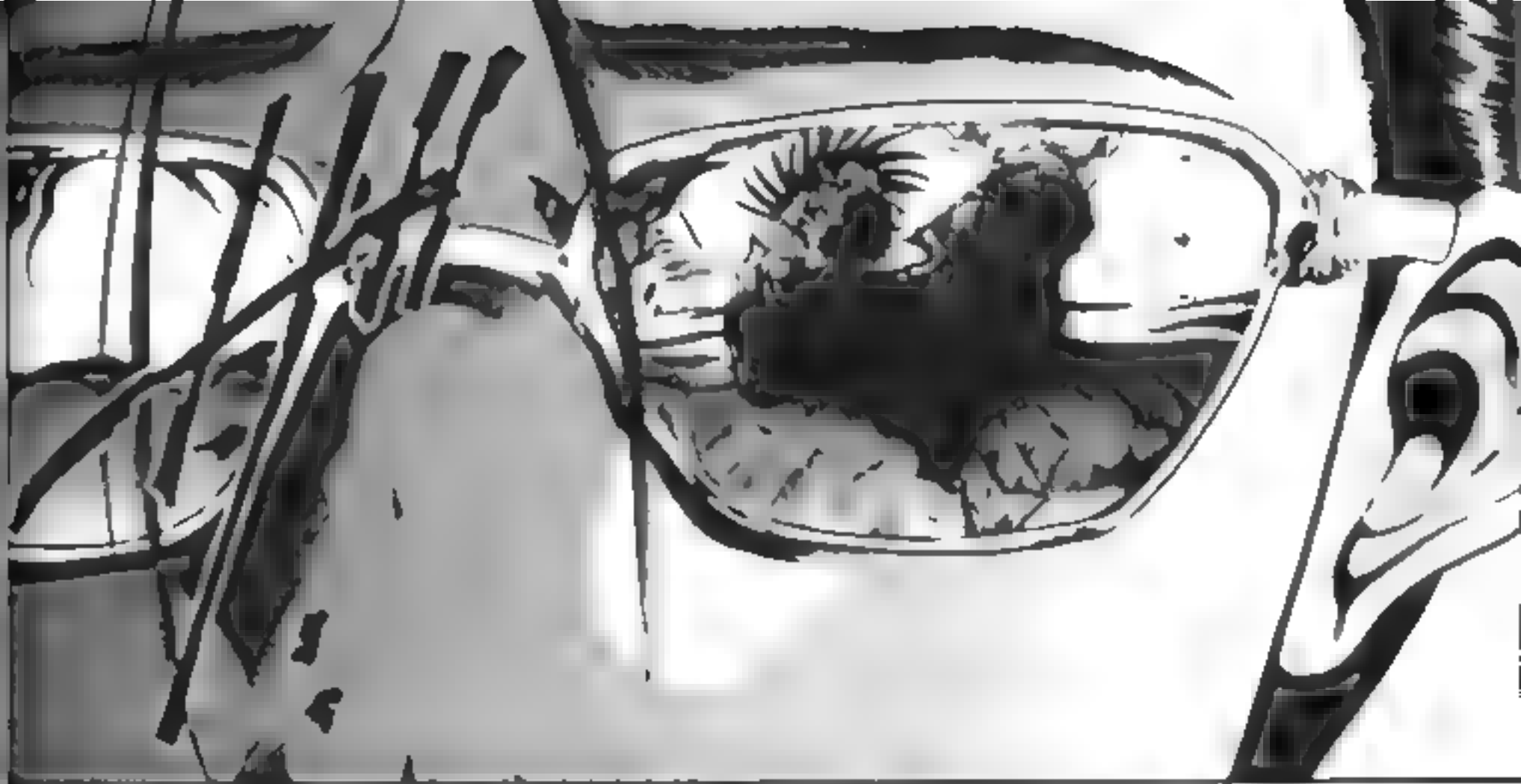
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PROPERTY OF
THE INVINCIBLE
MAD MAN

...RIGHT?

THEY'RE
THE GET-
BACKERS,
REMEMBER?

DON'T
WORRY.





BUT
YOU...

YOU
DISGUST
ME!



WHAT
ARE YOU
TALKING
ABOUT?



HUH?
WHAT?

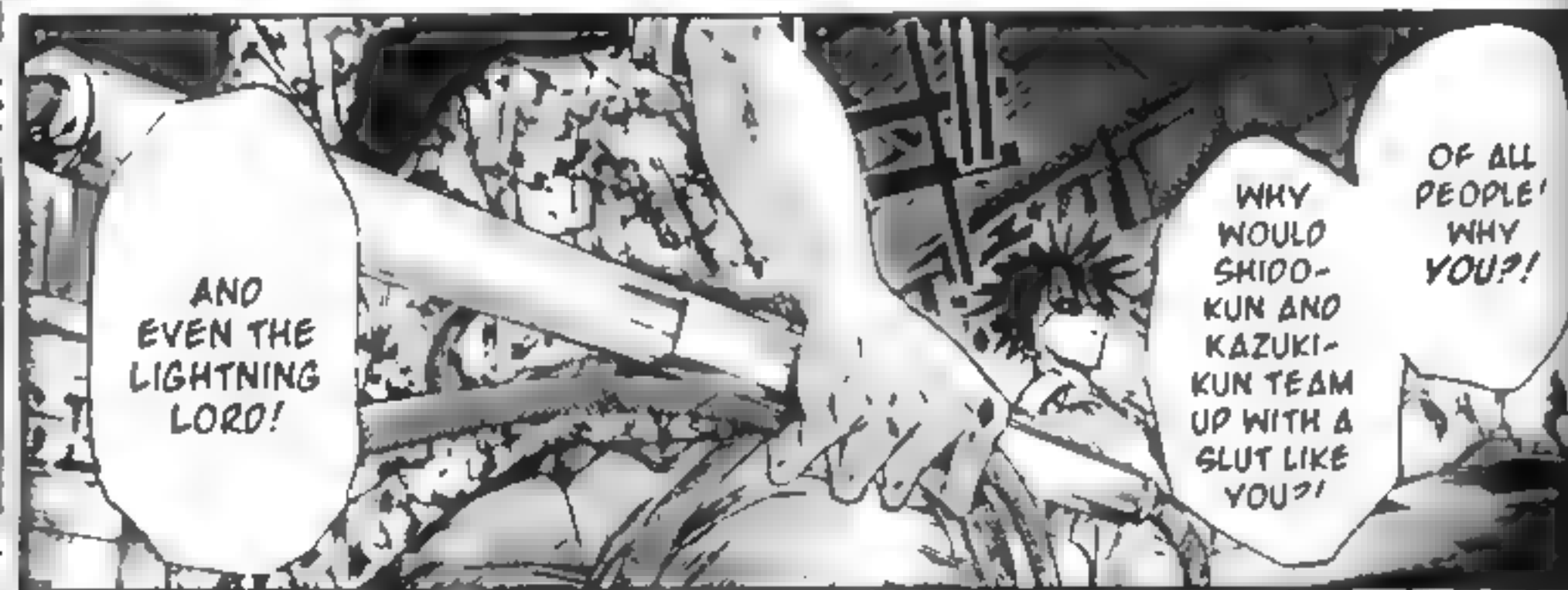
SHIDO-KUN
WAS ONCE
A FRIEND
AND I HAD
NOTHING
PERSONAL
AGAINST YOU

SO I
FIGURED
I'D LET
YOU HAVE
SOME FUN
BEFORE
YOU DIE



YOU EAT,
DRINK, BE
MERRY
AND THEN
FALL INTO
A SLEEP
YOU'LL
NEVER
AWAKE
FROM

WHO
WOULDN'T
WANT TO
GO OUT
THAT
WAY?



AND
EVEN THE
LIGHTNING
LORD!

WHY
WOULD
SHIDO-
KUN AND
KAZUKI-
KUN TEAM
UP WITH A
SLUT LIKE
YOU?!

OF ALL
PEOPLE!
WHY
YOU?!



SO, I
GUESS THE
PARTY'S
OVER?

OH



WHA
?!



DAMN, YOU
PUT SOME-
THING IN
MY DRINK!



?!



G
A
A
H
!!



I'VE
SEEN
FAR TOO
MUCH OF
YOU

IT'S
TIME
TO DIE!



ROURAN
DANCING
WHIP--



ROBNO
RUU RA
SPINNING
TOP!

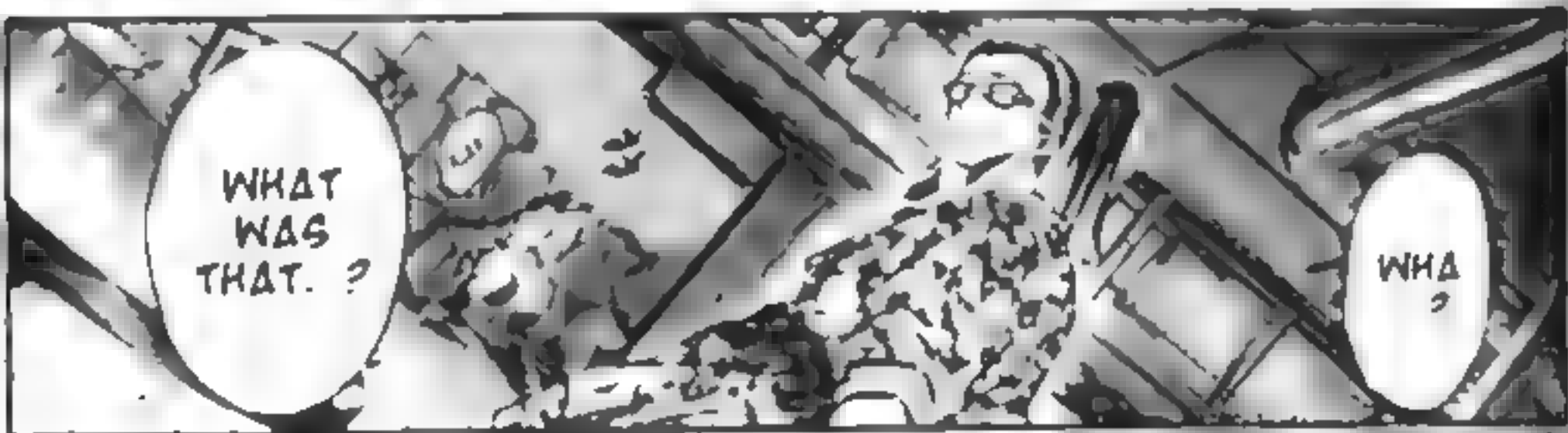
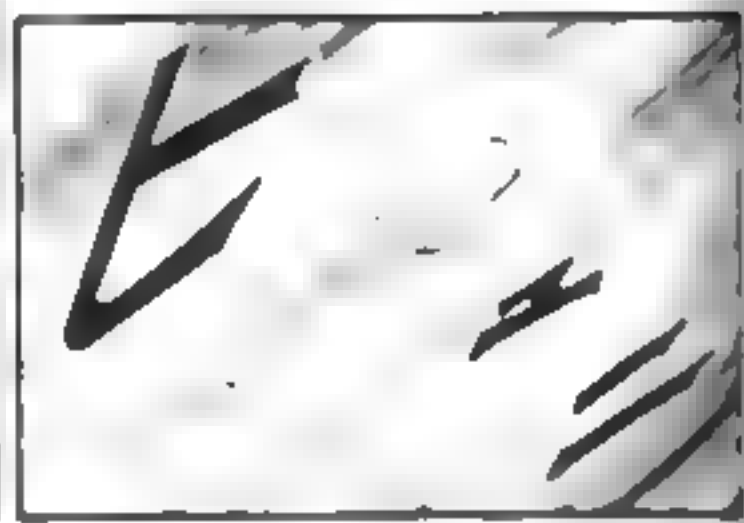
CRACK

SNAP

XAD

TO









WHAT
THE
HELL
IS
THIS
?!

EXACTLY
...

...ONE
MINUTE.





WHEN
DID YOU
USE IT
ON HIM?

RIGHT
BEFORE
HE PUT HIS
SUNGLASSES
ON GOTTA
LOOK HIM IN
THE EYE, YOU
KNOW.



SO RIGHT
WHEN HE
SHOWED
UP?

HOW'D
YOU
KNOW?



THE
EVIL
EYE?!



D-
DREAM
?!

ONE
MINUTE OF
NIGHTMARE
CAN SEEM
LIKE AN
ETERNITY,
HUH?

YUP.



THE
...



THE WHOLE
TIMING OF HIS
APPEARANCE
SEEMED FISHY
TO ME.

PLUS,
THIS GUY
IMMEDIATELY
WENT FOR HIS
SUNGLASSES

FUDOU
ISN'T THE
TYPE TO RUN
AWAY JUST
BECAUSE IT'S
THREE ON
ONE.



HOW'D THIS
GUY GET SO
EXPERIENCED?



EMISHI
...



AS A
FORMER
RESIDENT
OF THIS
PLACE,
YOU KNOW
THE RULE
HERE IS..

... "TRUST
NO ONE!"

How'd someone like you
survive here, anyway?





SO DID
THE ONE
I LOOKED
UP TO.



THE
LIGHTNING
LORD
LEFT

YOU
AND
KAZUKI-
KUN
LEFT,
TOO.



SO EVEN
YOU'RE
WORKING
FOR
MAKUBEX
NOW?



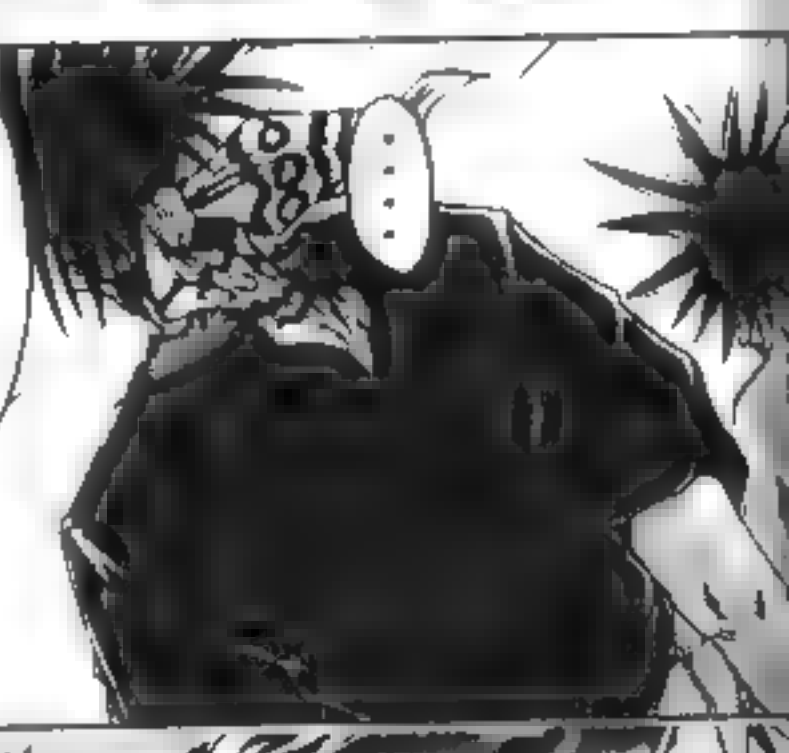
WHAT?

WHAT
BUSINESS
IS IT OF
YOURS?



EVEN IF
THAT MIND
BELONGED
TO A
DEVIL...

DON'T
YOU GET IT,
SHIDO-KUN?
EVERYONE
WHO WAS LEFT
BEHIND HAD
TO RELY ON
MAKUBEX'S
MIND JUST TO
SURVIVE!



I PUT
MY LIFE IN
MAKUBEX'S
HANDS

HIS LENS
WILL BRING
SUNLIGHT
TO THIS
FORSAKEN
WORLD!

I HAVE
FAITH IN
MAKUBEX
...



WHAT?



LENS
AND
SUN-
LIGHT,
HUH?

I THINK I'M
STARTING
TO PIECE
TOGETHER
WHAT
"I.L." IS.



?

BUT IT'S NO
WONDER THE
CLIENTS KEPT
IT A SECRET.

I HAVE NO
IDEA WHERE
HE ACQUIRED
SUCH A
DANGEROUS
THING

*I gotta stop taking
jobs from Heyn*



WATCH
OUT,
MIDO!
THAT
WHIP IS
DEADLY!

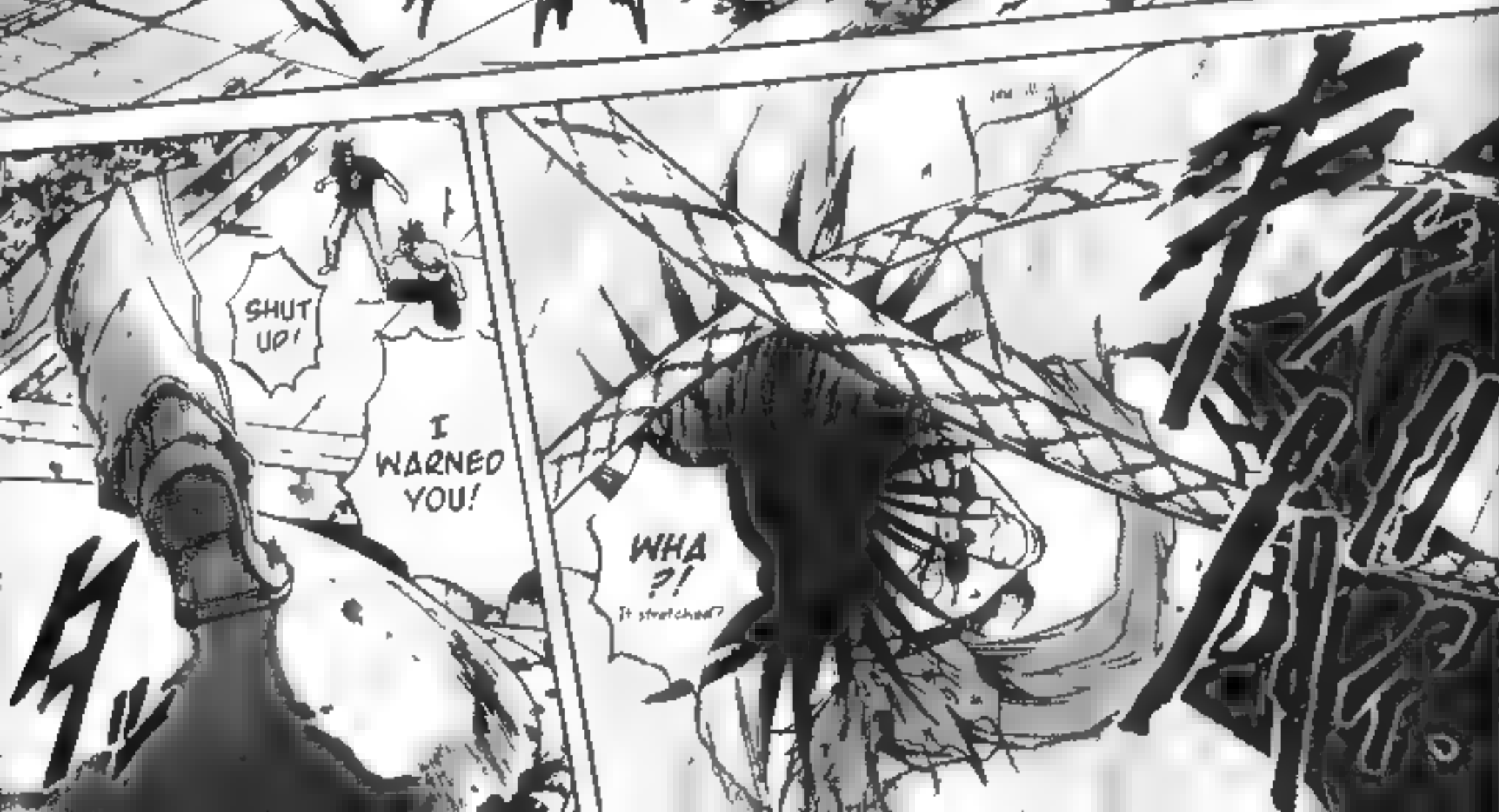
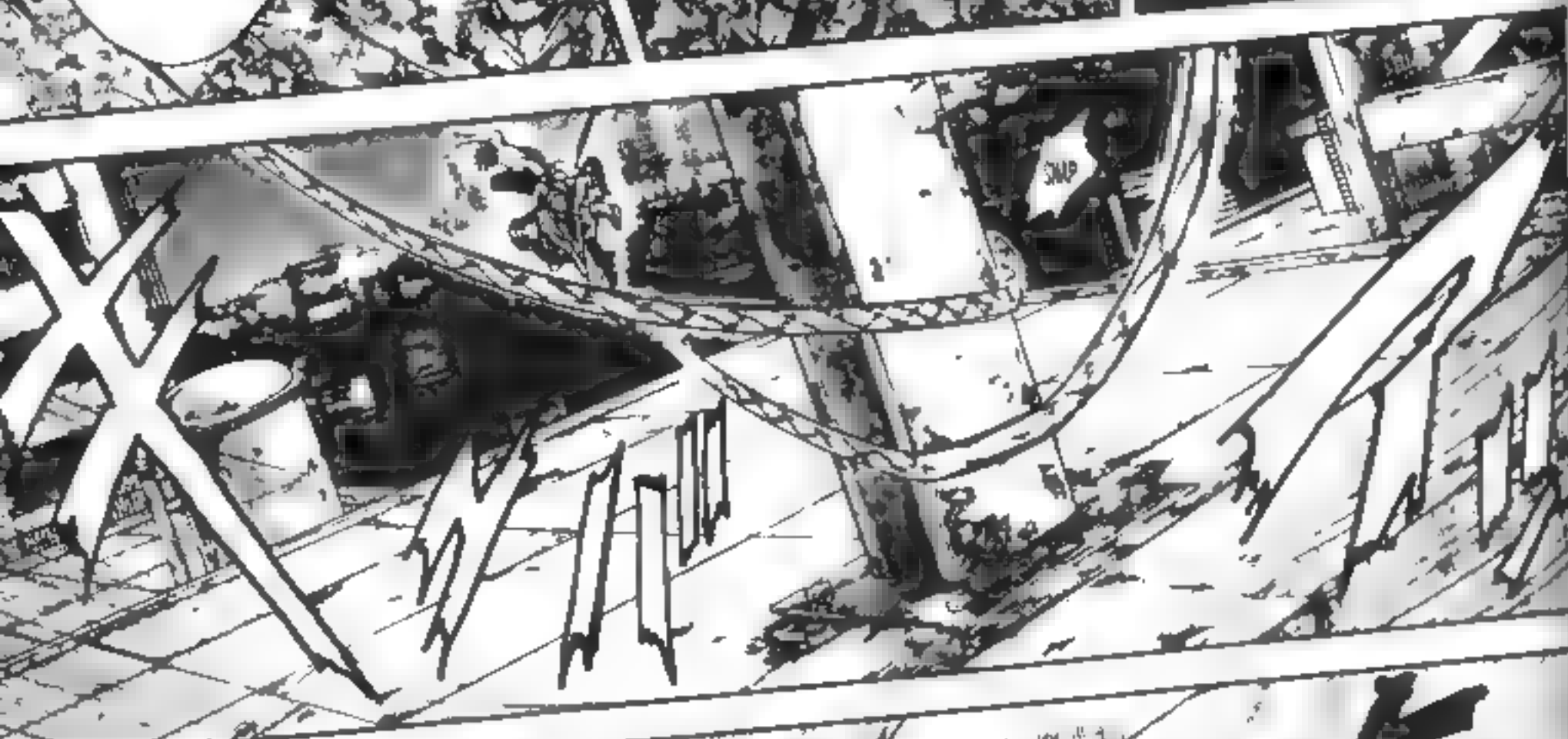
HEY!
CATCH
THAT
CLOWN!

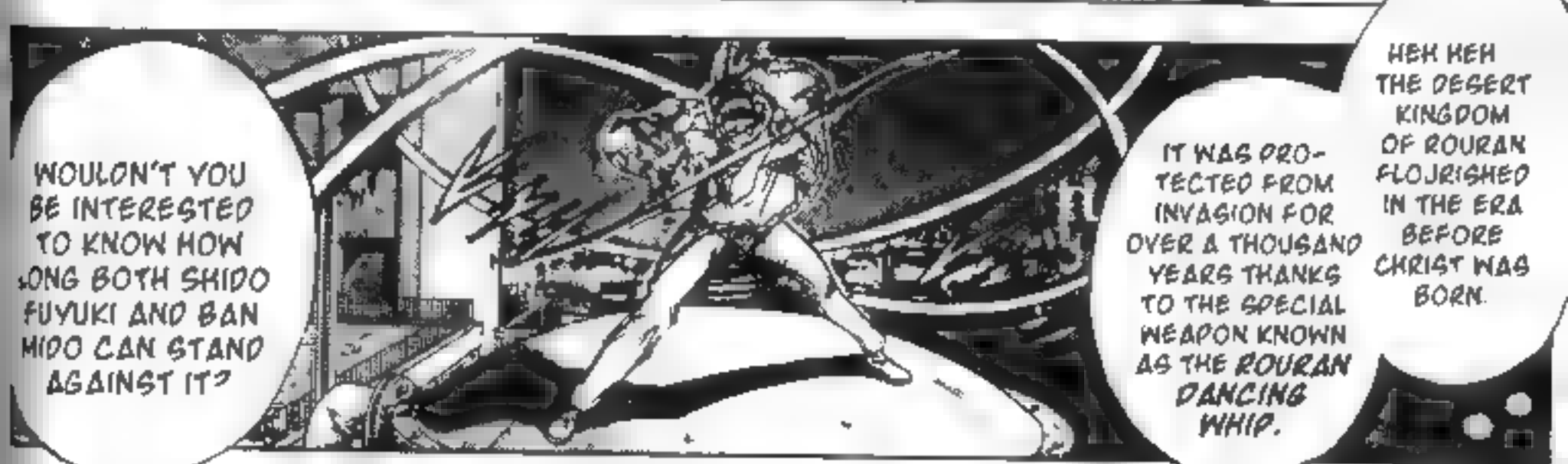


DEADLY?



!

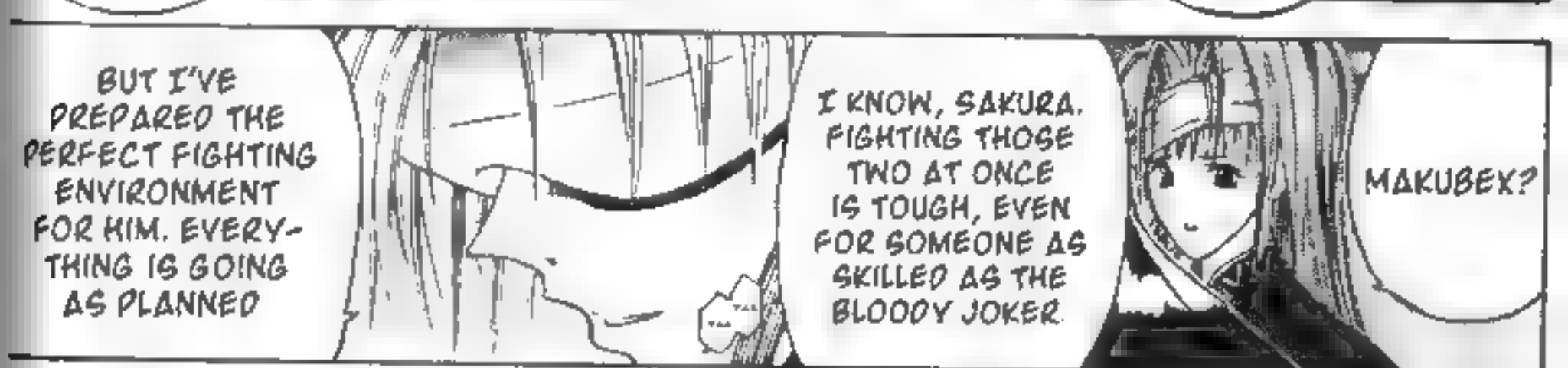




WOULDN'T YOU
BE INTERESTED
TO KNOW HOW
LONG BOTH SHIDO
FUYUKI AND BAN
HIDO CAN STAND
AGAINST IT?

IT WAS PRO-
TECTED FROM
INVASION FOR
OVER A THOUSAND
YEARS THANKS
TO THE SPECIAL
WEAPON KNOWN
AS THE ROURAN
DANCING
WHIP.

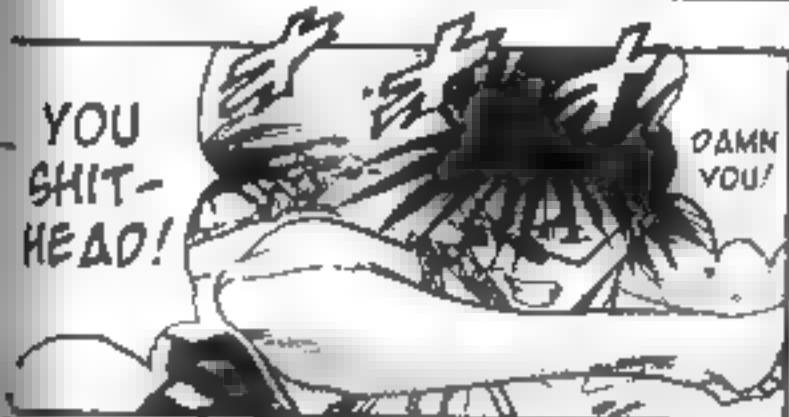
HEH HEH
THE DESERT
KINGDOM
OF ROURAN
FLOURISHED
IN THE ERA
BEFORE
CHRIST WAS
BORN.



BUT I'VE
PREPARED THE
PERFECT FIGHTING
ENVIRONMENT
FOR HIM. EVERY-
THING IS GOING
AS PLANNED

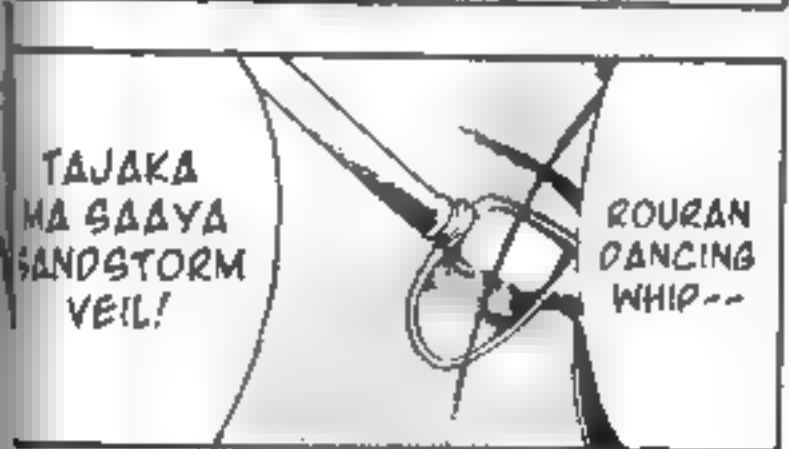
I KNOW, SAKURA.
FIGHTING THOSE
TWO AT ONCE
IS TOUGH, EVEN
FOR SOMEONE AS
SKILLED AS THE
BLOODY JOKER.

MAKUBEX?



YOU
SHIT-
HEAD!

DAMN
YOU!



TAJAKA
MA SAAYA
SANDSTORM
VEIL!

ROURAN
DANCING
WHIP--



IN
ANY
CASE
...

THE
JOKER
HAS
ALREADY
FULFILLED
HIS ROLE



AND YOU
TOO, BAN
MIDO!
DON'T BE
LATE!

I'LL BE
WAITING
FOR YOU,
SHIDO-
KUN!



MAKE
SURE...



HEY,
MIDO.

WELL, HAVING
TO USE ONE
OF MY EVIL
EYES ISN'T SO
HOT, BUT AT
LEAST WE GOT
SOME INFO ON
WHERE "I.L."
MIGHT BE

*Wonder how
Ginji's doing.*



YOU SAID
SOMETHING
ABOUT
KNOWING
WHAT "I.L."
IS?

UH-
HUH?



DAMN,
HE'S
GONE.



A close-up of two characters with spiky hair. The character on the right is looking down at the character on the left, who has their hands clasped in front of them. The character on the right has a more intense expression.

I CAN'T
THINK OF
ANYTHING
ELSE

YEAH.
I'M NOT
SURE, BUT
WITH MAKUBEX
REFERRING TO
IT AS "LENS"
AND THE
INITIALS OF
OUR TARGET
BEING "I.L."



A large, multi-story building is shown from a low angle, looking up. A massive, bright white explosion is occurring at the top of the building, with a large plume of dark smoke rising into the sky. Two small figures are visible on a ledge of the building, looking up at the explosion.

AN
IMPLOSION
LENS.

THAT
MUST
BE IT.

Temporarily escaping MakubeX's assassins. Ban and Shido head farther into the depths of hell toward "I.L."
Is Ban's guess as to what "I.L." is correct?

GET BACKERS

And as the other team members head for the target


...what awaits them?!



YOU
EVER
HEAR OF
AN...


GET BACKERS

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"I L"
MUST BE
NEAR THE
UNDER-
GROUND
SARGASSO
FACILITY

I CAN'T
BELIEVE
WHAT
FOOLS WE
WERE--
LOOKS LIKE
MAKJBEX
TRICKED
US ALL



WHAT YOU
DIDN'T KNOW IS
THAT THE CORE
OF THE FORTRESS
IS A STATE-
OF-THE-ART
BUILDING THAT
WAS ABANDONED
RIGHT BEFORE
CONSTRUCTION
WAS COMPLETE

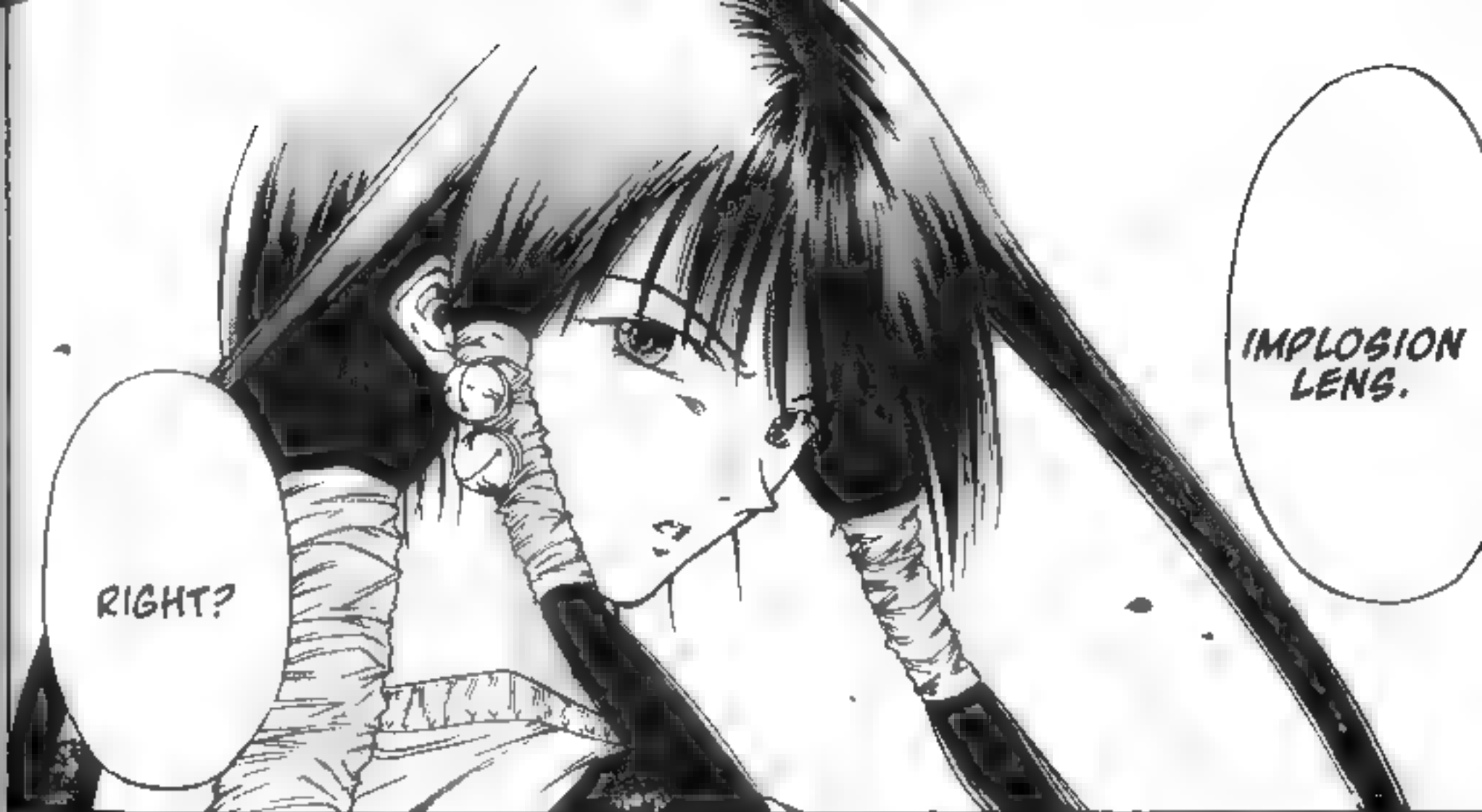
REN



HUH? ARE
YOU SURE
THERE'D BE
ONE IN AN
ABANDONED
BUILDING
LIKE THIS?







RIGHT?

IMPLOSION
LENS.

...IS THE
DETONATOR
FOR AN
ATOMIC
BOMB.

BASICALLY,
AN
IMPLOSION
LENS

*What a pain going
back down the way
we came!*



WHAT
IS
THAT?

SO MAKUBEX
IS TRYING
TO CREATE
AN ATOMIC
BOMB?!

WHAT
?!

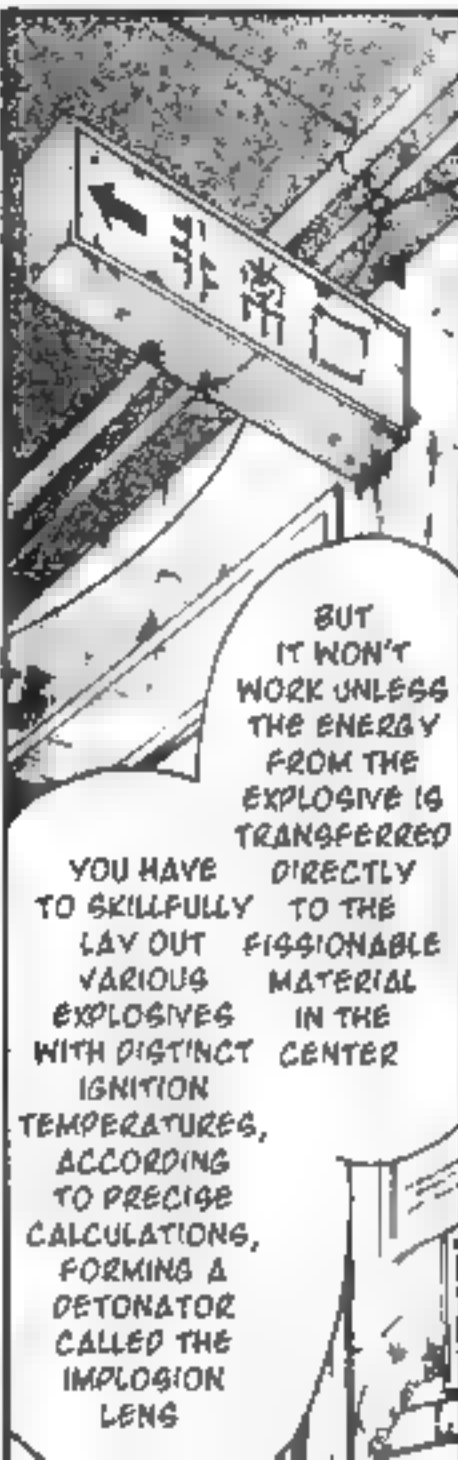


WAIT
A SEC
THERE,
GRAMS.
AN
ATOMIC
BOMB?

HOW'D
MAKUBEX
GET HIS
HANDS ON
INGREDIENTS
FOR ONE OF
THOSE?!

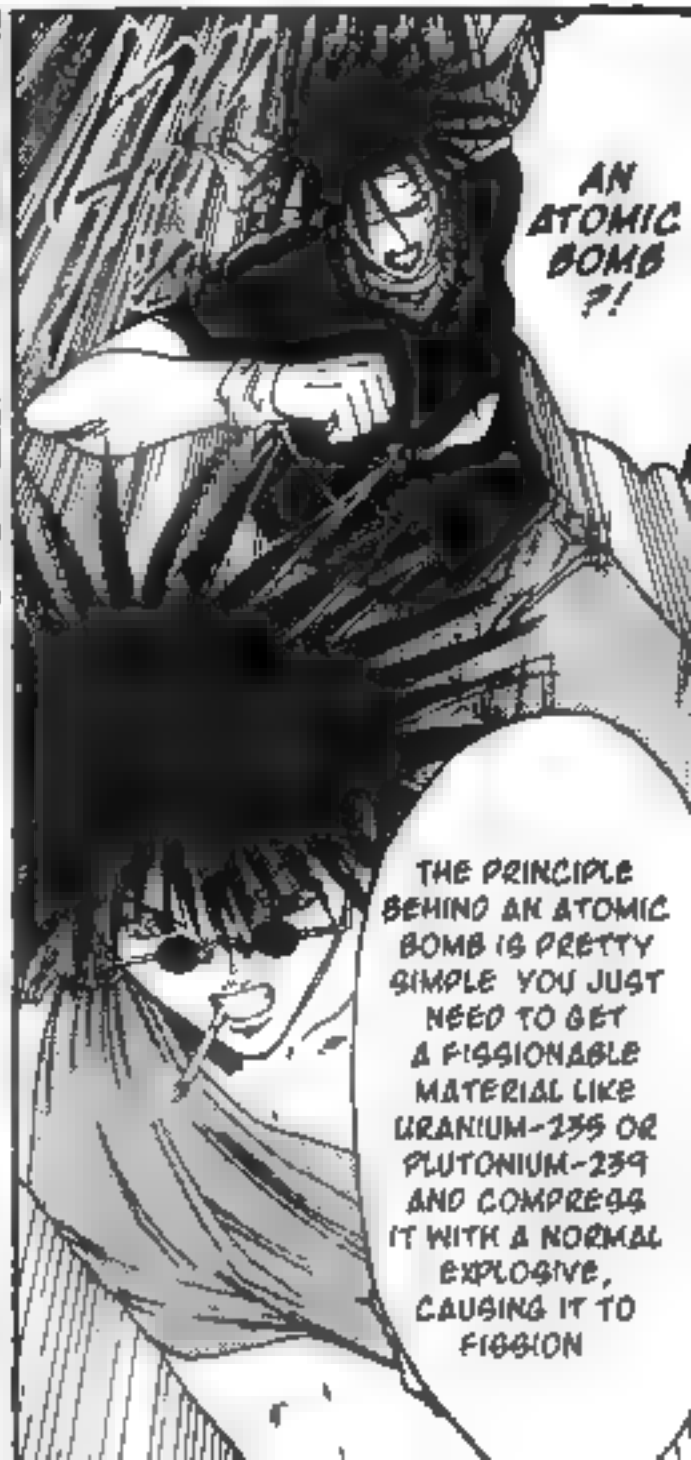
THIS COUNTRY
MAINTAINS A
STANCE AGAINST
NUCLEAR
WEAPONS, BUT
BEHIND THE
SCENES, WHO
KNOWS WHAT
GOES ON?

TERRORISTS.
BLACK MARKET
OR SOME
NATIONAL
FACILITY--
INFORMALLY,
OF COURSE



BUT
IT WON'T
WORK UNLESS
THE ENERGY
FROM THE
EXPLOSIVE IS
TRANSFERRED

DIRECTLY
TO THE
FISSIONABLE
MATERIAL
IN THE
CENTER
YOU HAVE
TO SKILLFULLY
LAY OUT
VARIOUS
EXPLOSIVES
WITH DISTINCT
IGNITION
TEMPERATURES,
ACCORDING
TO PRECISE
CALCULATIONS,
FORMING A
DETONATOR
CALLED THE
IMPLOSION
LENS



AN
ATOMIC
BOMB
?!

THE PRINCIPLE
BEHIND AN ATOMIC
BOMB IS PRETTY
SIMPLE YOU JUST
NEED TO GET
A FISSIONABLE
MATERIAL LIKE
URANIUM-235 OR
PLUTONIUM-239
AND COMPRESS
IT WITH A NORMAL
EXPLOSIVE,
CAUSING IT TO
FISSION



WHO
ARE
YOU?

IT'S
GETTING
TOUGH TO
BELIEVE
YOU'RE A
SIMPLE
PHARMACIST

KNOWING
NOT ONLY THE
IDENTITY OF
"I.L." BUT EVEN
ABOUT OUR
MISSION--



THE
PEOPLE
WHO HIRED
YOU ARE
LIKELY
CONNECTED
AT SOME
LEVEL.



YES?

ELDER?



IS
THAT
SO?



IT'S
PROBABLY
CROSSED
YOUR MIND
SINCE
REALIZING
WHAT "I.L."
IS, BUT

THERE'S
SOME-
THING I
SHOULD
WARN YOU
ABOUT.



I'M
JUST A
MEDICINE
MAN.

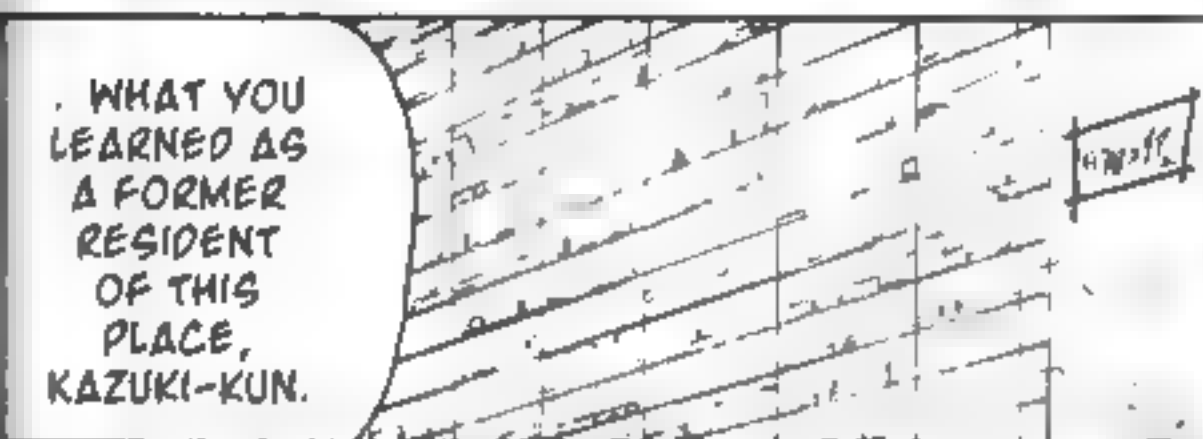
I'M
INFINITY
FORTRESS'
PHARMACIST,
GEN. NO
MORE, NO
LESS.



BUT YOU
KNOW THE
IMPLOSION LENS
IS USELESS
ON ITS OWN. A
TRAITOR AMONG
YOU COULD...

ABOUT A
JUDAS?

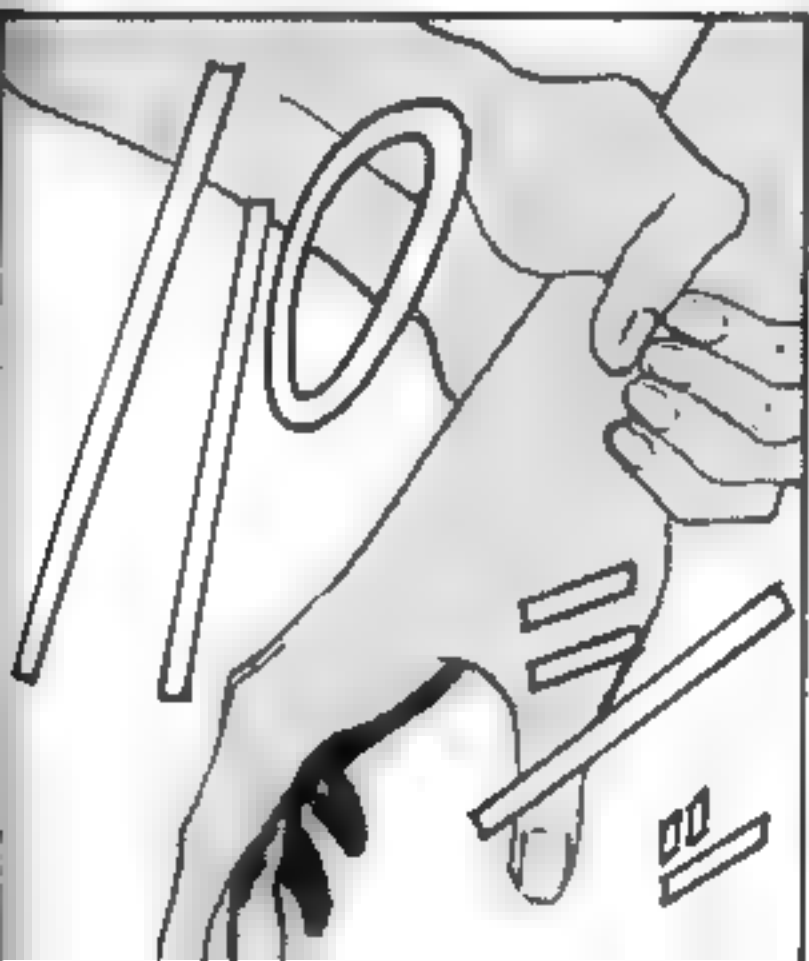
THERE'S
NOTHING TO
WORRY ABOUT
THERE ALL THE
MEMBERS OF
MY TEAM ARE
PROFESSIONALS
WHO TAKE
PRIDE IN THEIR
WORK.



WHAT YOU
LEARNED AS
A FORMER
RESIDENT
OF THIS
PLACE,
KAZUKI-KUN.



WELL,
DON'T
FORGET
..

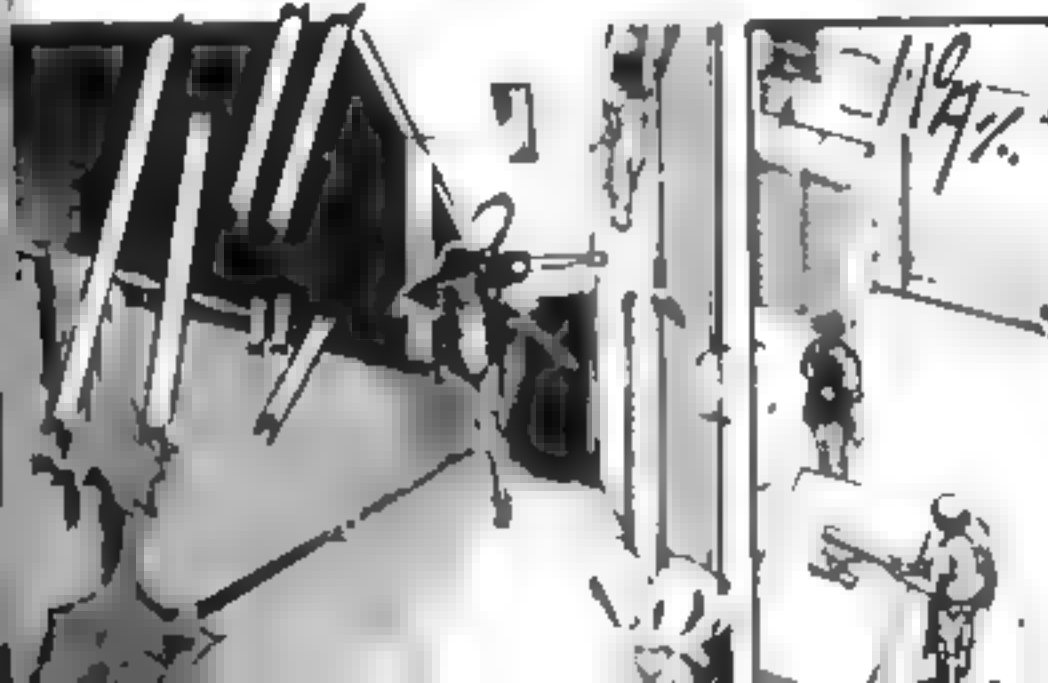


SO BE
CAREFUL.



BETRAYAL
IS A
HUMAN
INSTINCT.

AND SOME
WILL BETRAY
OTHERS WITH-
OUT EVEN
REALIZING IT.





A JUDAS...



PRRRING
PRRRING
RRRING



!!



It's me,
professor.



YES?

PHARMACY
HERE.



HUH
UM,
OKAY

REN,
GO
TAKE A
WALK.

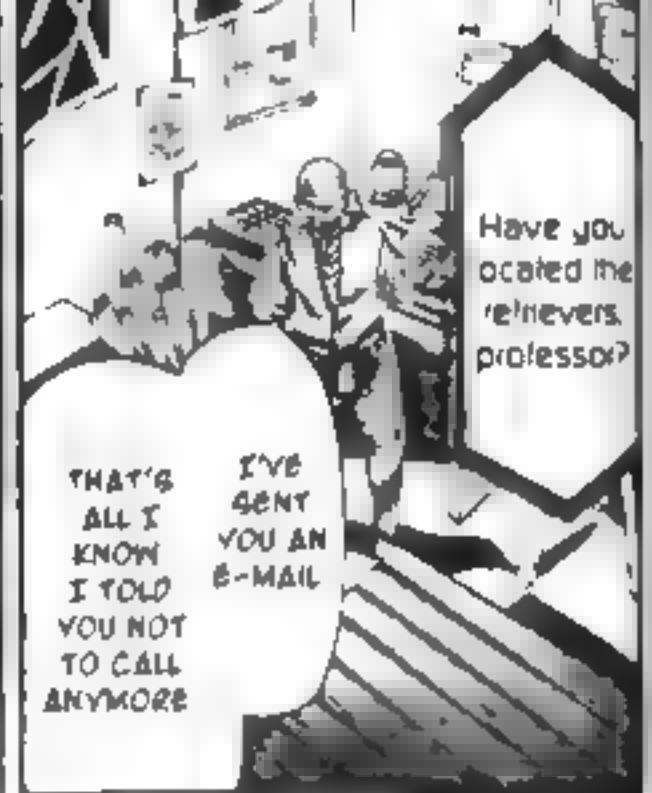


That's why we
hired first-rate
retrievers and
transporters
this time. So--

ENOUGH.
GET
TO THE
POINT.



THAT WAS
USELESS THE
SEARCHERS
YOU SENT
IN INITIALLY
WERE USED BY
MAKUBEX AND
RETURNED
WITH A FAKE
MAP



Have you
located the
retrievers,
professor?

THAT'S
ALL I
KNOW
I TOLD
YOU NOT
TO CALL
ANYMORE

I'VE
SENT
YOU AN
E-MAIL



You were
the one who
helped us
with the map
we handed to
the retrievers.
after all

Forgive me
but this is an
emergency.
You're our
only line of
communica-
tion to Infinity
Fortress



...We
believe
there is a
traitor
among
them.



OUTTA MY
FREAKIN'
WAY!

"SUN,"
"LENS," AND
"I.L."--IT ALL
POINTS TO AN
IMPLOSION
LENS.

THAT'S THE
ONLY POSSIBLE
ANSWER, BASED
ON WHAT YOUR
CLOWN FRIEND
SAID--



DAMN,
MORE
WIRE
DOLLS!



YOU SURE
ABOUT
"I.L." BEING
PART OF
AN ATOMIC
BOMB?

TRYING
TO ARM
INFINITY
FORTRESS
WITH
NUKES?!

SHEESH.
YOUR OLD
FRIENDS
ARE ALL
NUTJOBS!



SO ALL HE
NEEDS IS
TO GET
A HOLD OF
A FEW
THINGS,
AND...

AND
MAKUBEX
IS A BIT
SMARTER
THAN A
MONKEY,
RIGHT?



ERR,
NOTHING

WHAT'RE
YOU
GETTING
AT?



IS THERE
A JUDAS
AMONG US?

DAMMIT!



WAIT A
MINUTE,
HOW IS HE
GOING
TO GET
THE MAIN
INGREDIENT
?!

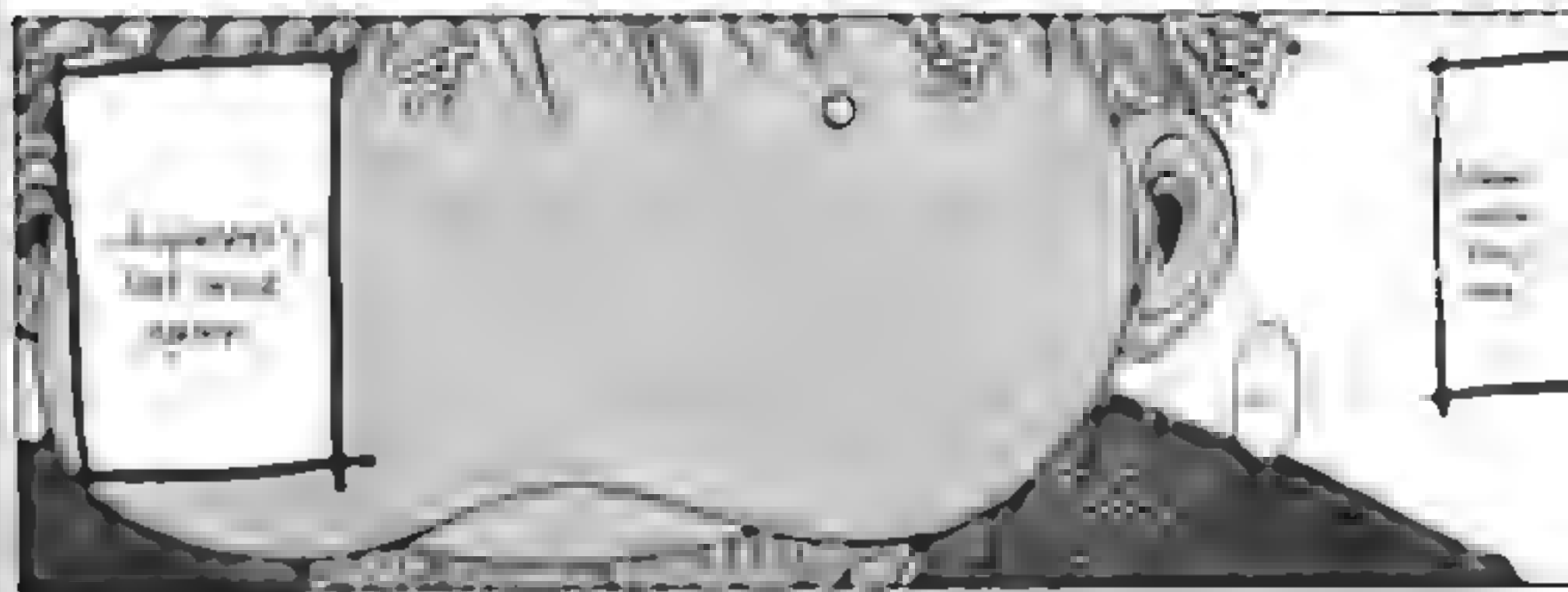
AND
WHO'S
GONNA
DELIVER IT
TO HIM?



BUT CAN
YOU REALLY
CREATE AN
ATOMIC BOMB
WITH THIS
IMPLOSION
LENS?

*I thought bombs
like that were really
complicated state
secrets*

THE
IMPLOSION
LENS IS THE
ONLY REALLY
COMPLICATED
AND SECREIVE
PART ONCE
YOU HAVE THAT,
EVEN A MONKEY
COULD COMPLETE
AN ATOMIC
BOMB





MY
POINT
IS, DON'T
WORRY!
WE'RE
DEFINITELY
GETTING
CLOSER TO
"I.L."

And I
used to
play hide
and seek
here as a
kid

Once they
couldn't find
me for a
week.

YOU
MAY NOT
KNOW THIS,
BUT I USED
TO BE THE
LIGHTNING
LORD
AROUND
THESE
PARTS



WHAT?
HA HA!
DON'T BE
RIDICULOUS!
AS IF I'D
GET LOST!

WE HAVEN'T
RUN INTO
ANY ENEMIES
LATELY COULD
IT BE THAT WE
ARE NOT NEAR
"I.L." AT ALL,
GINJI-KUN?



Don't
spoil my
fun, all
right?

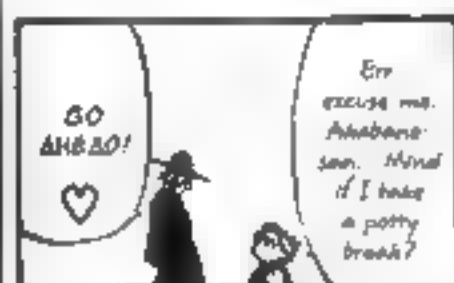


RIGHT
...



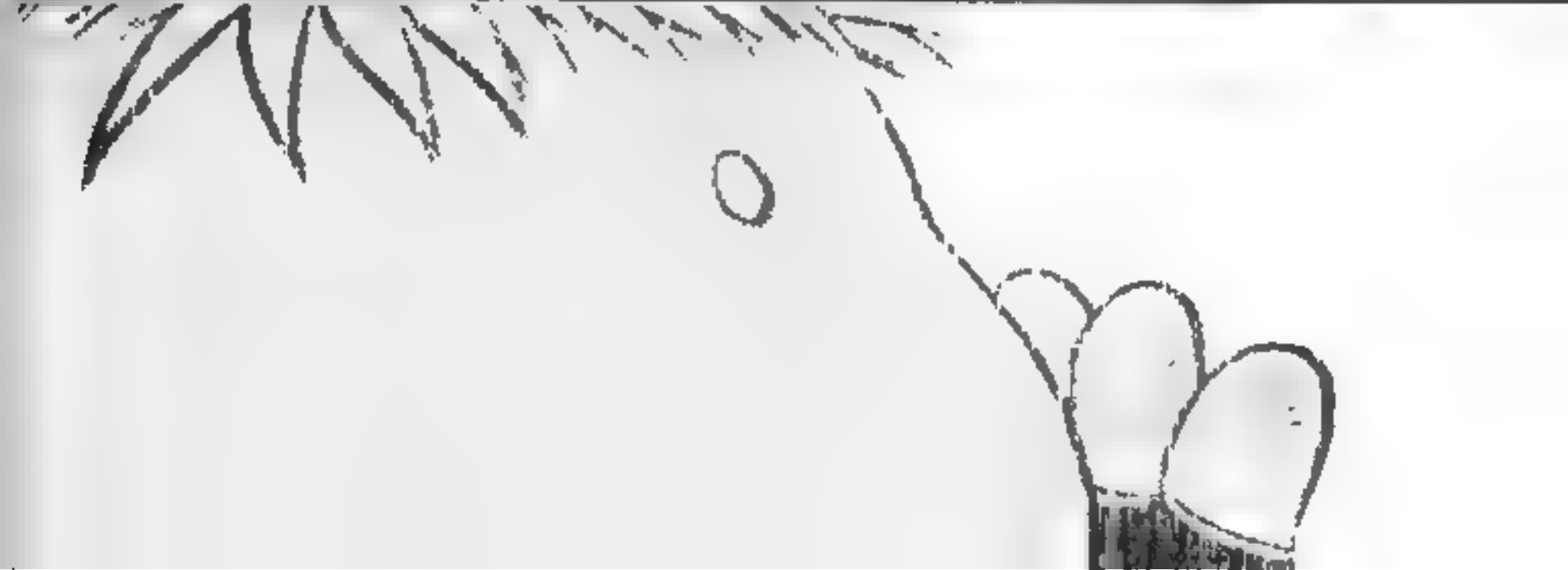
WELL, AS
I TOLD YOU
BEFORE--
TO ME, A
JOB'S ONLY
VALUE...

...LIES
IN THE
AMOUNT OF
ENJOYMENT
I GET OUT
OF IT.



IS HE
PISSED?

GOT
IT.



YOU
TRULY ARE
A GREAT
PARTNER.

HEE
HEE

COULD
I HAVE
A FEW
MINUTES,
AKABANE-
SAN?


I'D LIKE TO
AT LEAST
REFLECT
UPON THE
HAPPY
EVENTS OF
MY LIFE

大抵！

GARBAGE FACILITY

!!

?!



LOOKS
LIKE "IL" IS
RIGHT IN THE
NEIGHBORHOOD

THAT,
OR THERE'S
SOME
VALUABLE
TRASH IN
THAT ROOM



HUH?

GET BACKERS





A phone call to Gen from the mysterious clients reveals the existence of a traitor! Meanwhile Ginji and Akabane have fought their way through Makube's men and have finally reached the entrance to where "I.L." is hiding



WHAT
THE HELL?
THERE'S
ONLY TWO
OF 'EM?

We've been
waiting for
this!

THAT'S
PROOF WE
ARE LIKELY
NOT FAR
FROM "I.L."

GARBAGE FACI

FROM
WHAT I SEE
THESE ENEMIES
APPEAR TO BE
STRONGER THAN
THOSE WE HAVE
FACED UP
UNTIL NOW

WHAT
SHOULD
WE DO?

SHOVE 'EM IN
THE TRASH
COMPACTOR
AND FLUSH
'EM DOWN THE
SEWER?



HEH HEH,
SOUNDS
GOOD TO
ME!

TEE
HEE...
YES,
THAT
DOES
SOUND
GOOD.



YOU
CERTAINLY
ARE AN
INTERESTING
FELLOW



YOU
WERE
AWARE
OF THIS,
GINJI-
KUN?

N-
MIND



NOW
THIS IS
A JOB
WORTH
DOING.

GET BACKERS

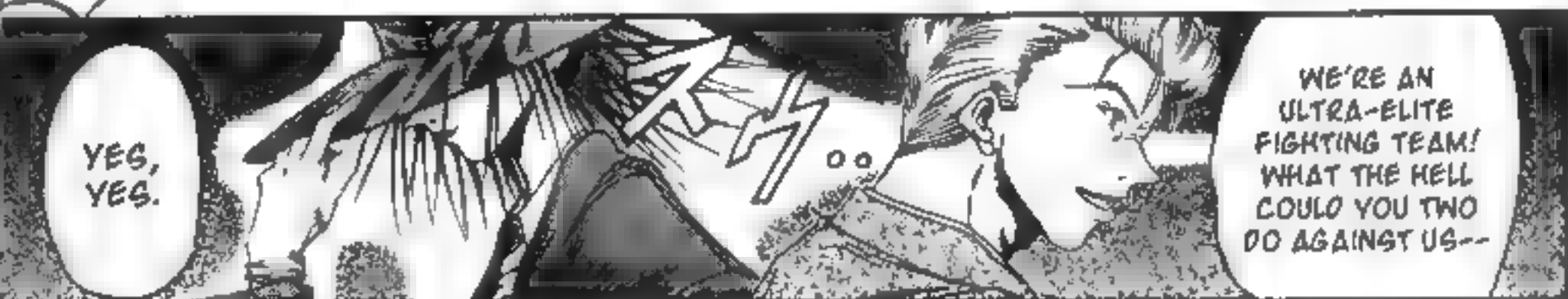
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RUN!
GET
OUTTA
HERE!
YOU'LL
ALL BE
KILLED!




UH
OH.
HE'S
GONNA.





BEHIND
US!

NO!



DO
STAY
AWHILE

ALLOW ME
TO ENJOY
MYSELF.

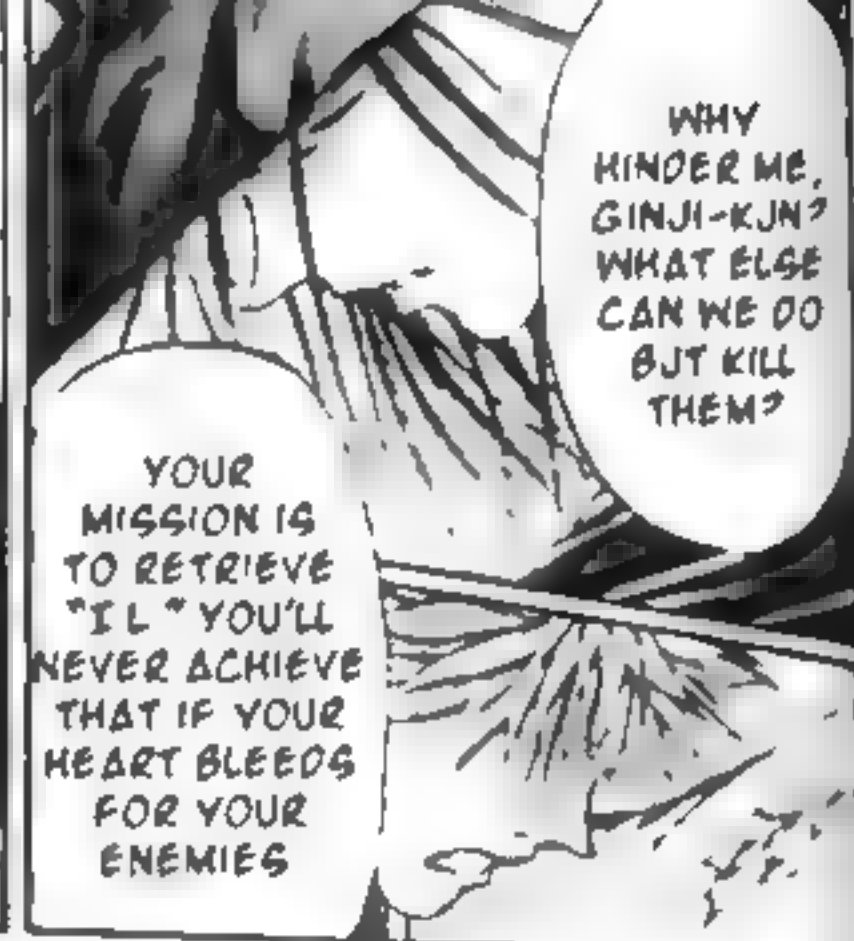
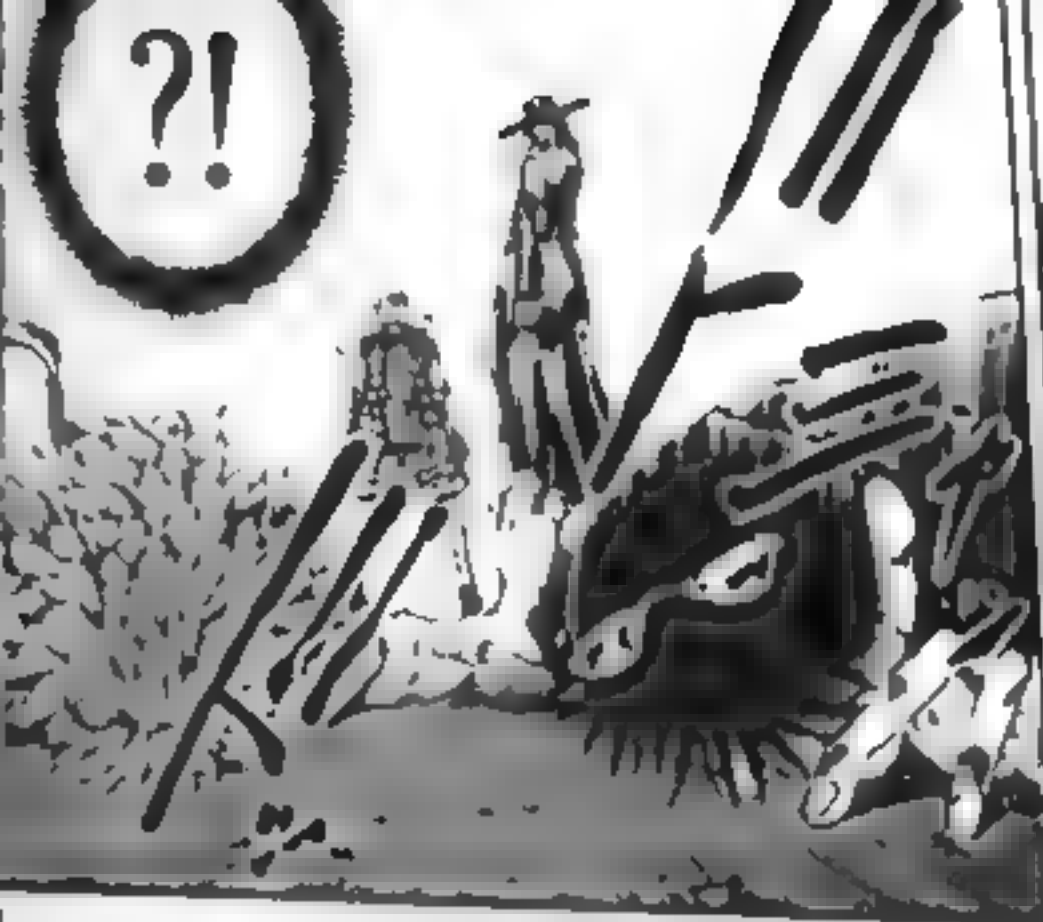


YOU DON'T
HAVE
TO KILL
THEM!



AGAIN?





YOUR
MISSION IS
TO RETRIEVE
"IL" YOU'LL
NEVER ACHIEVE
THAT IF YOUR
HEART BLEEDS
FOR YOUR
ENEMIES

WHY
HINDER ME,
GINJI-KUN?
WHAT ELSE
CAN WE DO
BUT KILL
THEM?



WHAT
DID YOU
?

WHAT'S
THIS?



WE
DON'T
HAVE
TO KILL.



HE BLOCKED
MY ATTACK AND
STUNNED THEM
ALL WITH HIS
ELECTRICITY
AT THE SAME
TIME?!



I DIDN'T
BECOME A
RETRIEVER
TO MURDER
PEOPLE

WE CAN
GET PAST
WITHOUT
KILLING
THEM!



**THERE
ARE
OTHER
WAYS!**

**WE
DON'T
HAVE
TO
KILL!**

I'M AT MY
LIMIT. BEING
WITH AKABANE
MAKES ME
REMEMBER THE
OLD ME...

FEAR
AND DEATH--
THE "RULES" OF
INFINITY FOR-
TRESS BY WHICH
THE POWERFUL
RULE AND THE
WEAK HAVE
NOWHERE TO
ESCAPE TO.



INTERESTING



LET US
PROCEED

FINE,
GINJI-
KUN I'M
NOT INTO
KILLING
PEOPLE
IN THEIR
SLEEP

PLASMA
PHENOMENON?

I'M
STARTING
TO UNDER-
STAND
THIS
"LIGHTNING
LORD"
MORE AND
MORE
THIS IS WHY
HE WAS
"ONCE"
LORD OF
INFINITY
FORTRESS



I WANT
TO SEE
YOU,
BAN-
CHAN...

BAN-
CHAN...



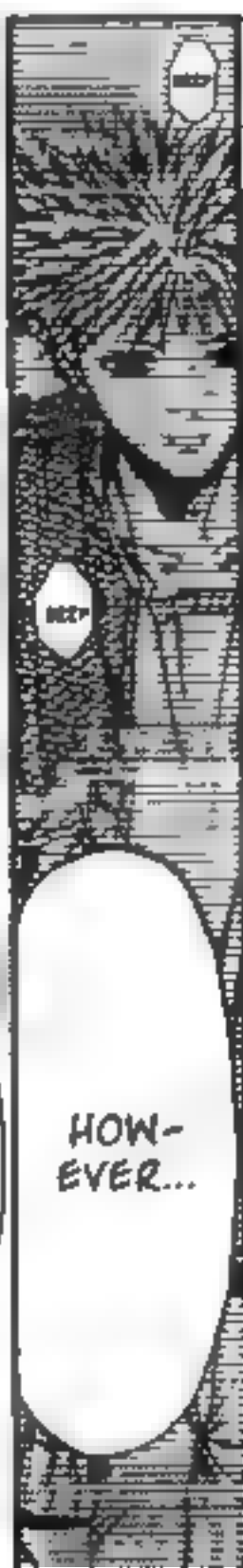
GINJI IS
THE ONLY
GUY I
CAN'T
SEEM TO
FIGURE
OUT.

HIS VERY
EXISTENCE
IS PURE
CHAOS IN
ITSELF.



DANGER-
OUS..

...ISN'T
HE?



HOW-
EVER...



SOME-
THING ABOUT
TRYING TO
MATHEMATI-
CALLY PREDICT
RANDOM
PHENOMENA?

USING
CHAOS
THEORY, IT'S
POSSIBLE TO
PREDICT SUCH
IRREGULAR
THINGS AS
EARTH-
QUAKES, THE
WEATHER,
EVEN THE
HUMAN MIND

YES.
IT'S MY
FAVORITE
TOY
THESE
DAYS.



YOU
DIDN'T
THINK THEY
WOULD GET
HERE FIRST,
DID YOU?

AN
ERROR,
MAKU-
BEX?



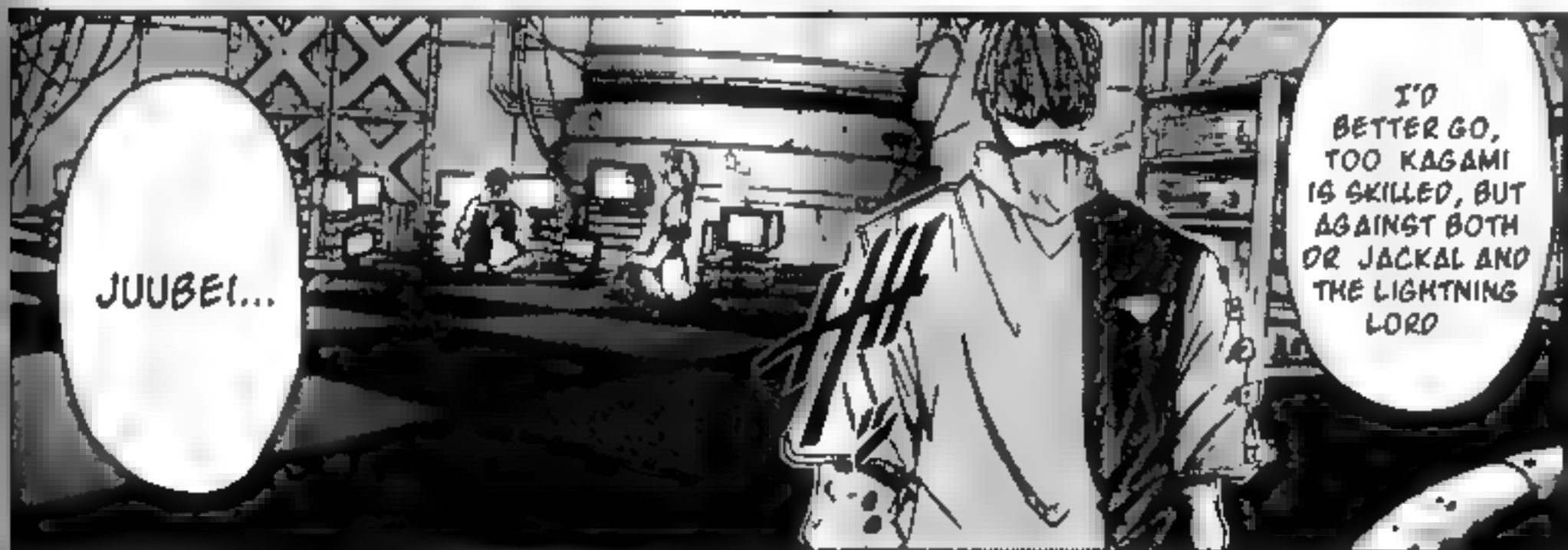
ARE YOU
FAMILIAR
WITH CHAOS
THEORY,
KAGAMI-
KUN?



I'M GOING
TO GO...
OBSERVE.

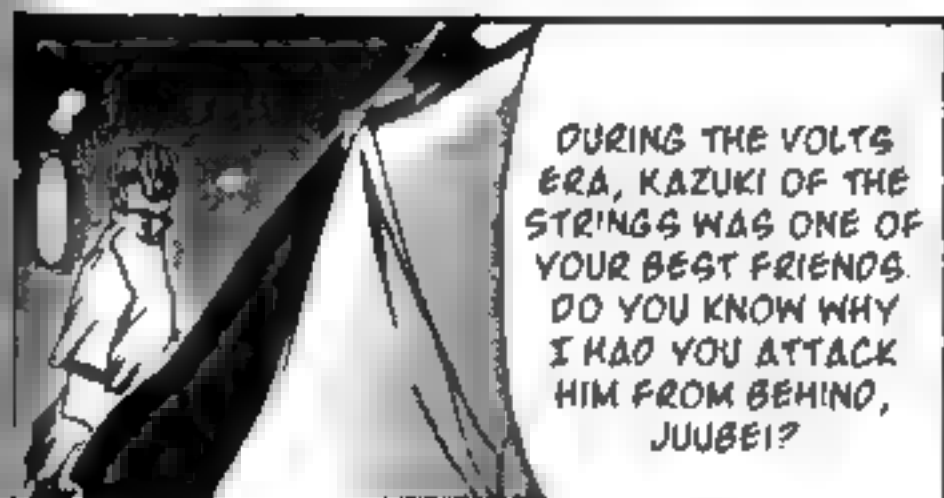


WHERE
ARE YOU
GOING?



JUUBEI...

I'D
BETTER GO,
TOO KAGAMI
IS SKILLED, BUT
AGAINST BOTH
OR JACKAL AND
THE LIGHTNING
LORD



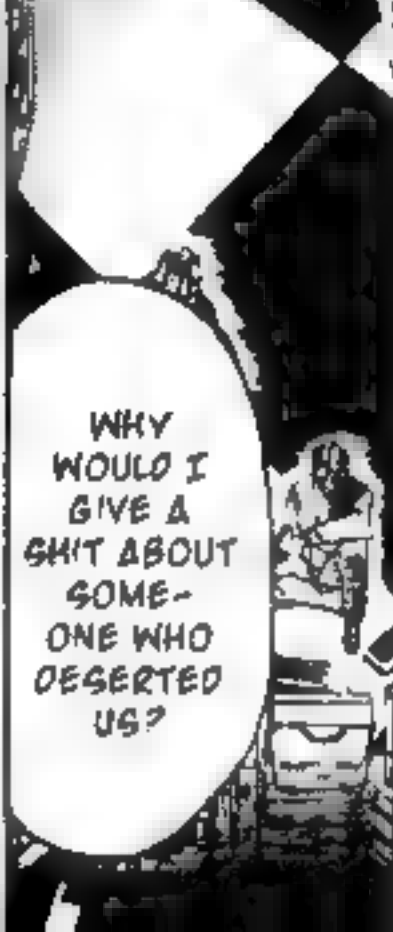
DURING THE VOLTS
ERA, KAZUKI OF THE
STRINGS WAS ONE OF
YOUR BEST FRIENDS.
DO YOU KNOW WHY
I HAD YOU ATTACK
HIM FROM BEHIND,
JUUBEI?



HEH



I WANTED
TO TEST
YOUR
LOYALTY.



WHY
WOULD I
GIVE A
SHIT ABOUT
SOME-
ONE WHO
DESERTED
US?



ARE YOU
CONCERNED
ABOUT THE
LIGHTNING
LORD?



THEN I'LL
PROVE
IT ONCE
AGAIN.

WHO DO
YOU WANT
DEAD? THE
LIGHTNING
LORD OR DR.
JACKAL?



SAKURA?

YES?



KAGAMI
IS THE
ONE I
DON'T
TRUST

WHY?

HIS
OUTWARD
PLEDGE OF
LOYALTY
DOESN'T
MAKE
SENSE TO
ME SINCE
HE IS ..



GOOD.



NO



SAKURA

AM I
CRUEL?



BECAUSE
WE AREN'T
THE VOLTS.

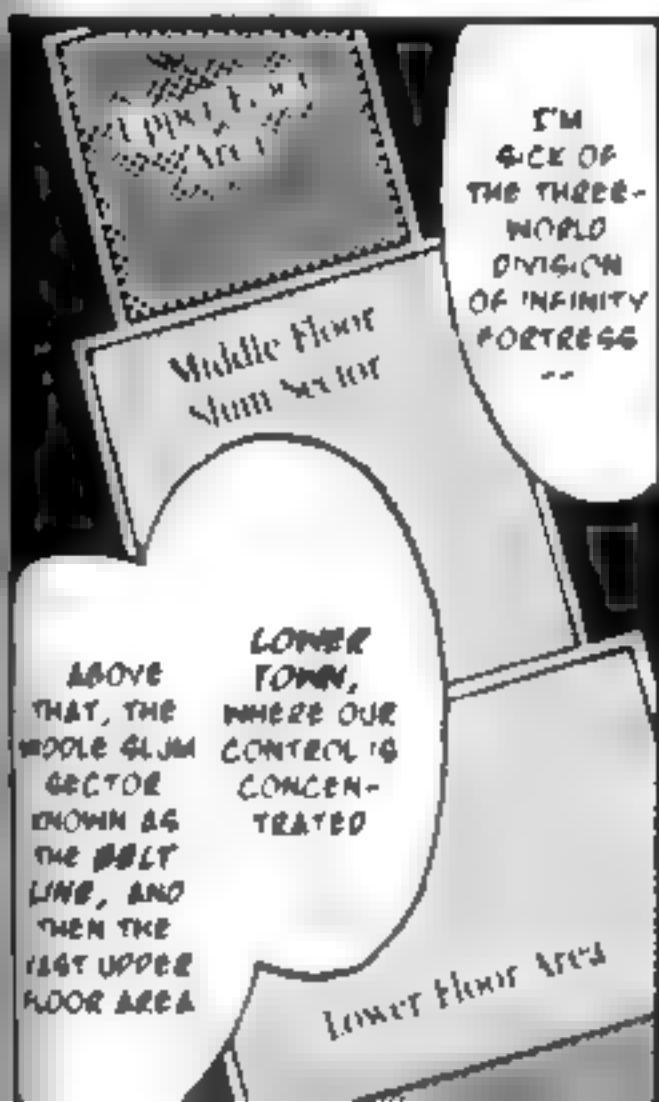
SO



--BUT
THAT'S
WHY I
NEED
HIM.



SAKURA .



I'M
SICK OF
THE THREE-
WORLD
DIVISION
OF INFINITY
FORTRESS --

LOWER
FLOOR,
WHERE OUR
CONTROL IS
CONCEN-
TRATED

WHAT I'M
TRYING TO
CREATE
USING THE
LENS AND
WHAT JUDAS
BRINGS
ME IS
ABSOLUTE
ORDER

AND
ABSOLUTE
ORDER
WITHIN
INFINITY
FORTRESS
IS THE
OPPOSITE
OF WHAT
THE VOLTS
STRIVED
FOR



I
AGREE
HE'S A
TERRIFYING
MAN.

HE SEES
THROUGH
EVERYTHING
AND SMILES
AT ME AS
IF I WERE
IGNORANT

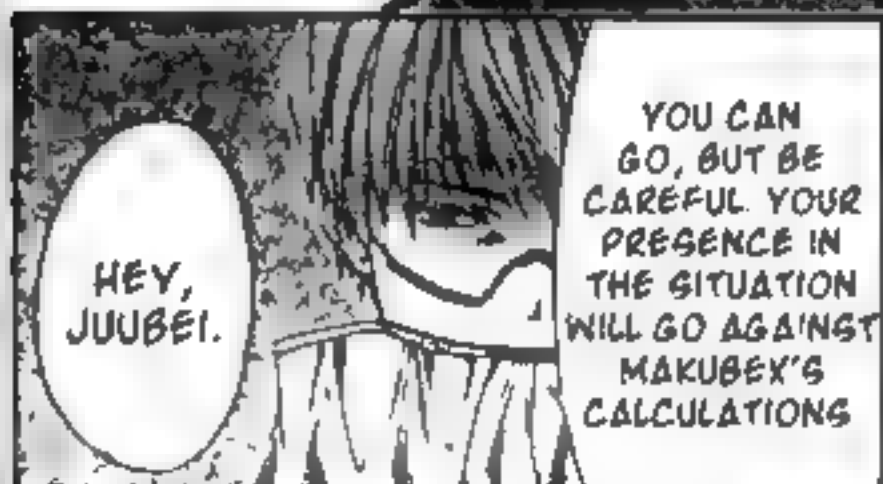
HIS
FIGHTING
ABILITY MAY
BE GREATER
THAN EVEN
TAKUMA
FUDOU'S.

KYOUJI
KAGAMI--I
CAN'T FULLY
SEE INTO HIS
DEPTHS.





7 x 11..



HEY,
JUUBEI.

YOU CAN
GO, BUT BE
CAREFUL. YOUR
PRESENCE IN
THE SITUATION
WILL GO AGAINST
MAKUBEX'S
CALCULATIONS



YEAH?

KAGAMI



Ha..



OF
WHAT?

SEEING
YOU REMINDS
ME

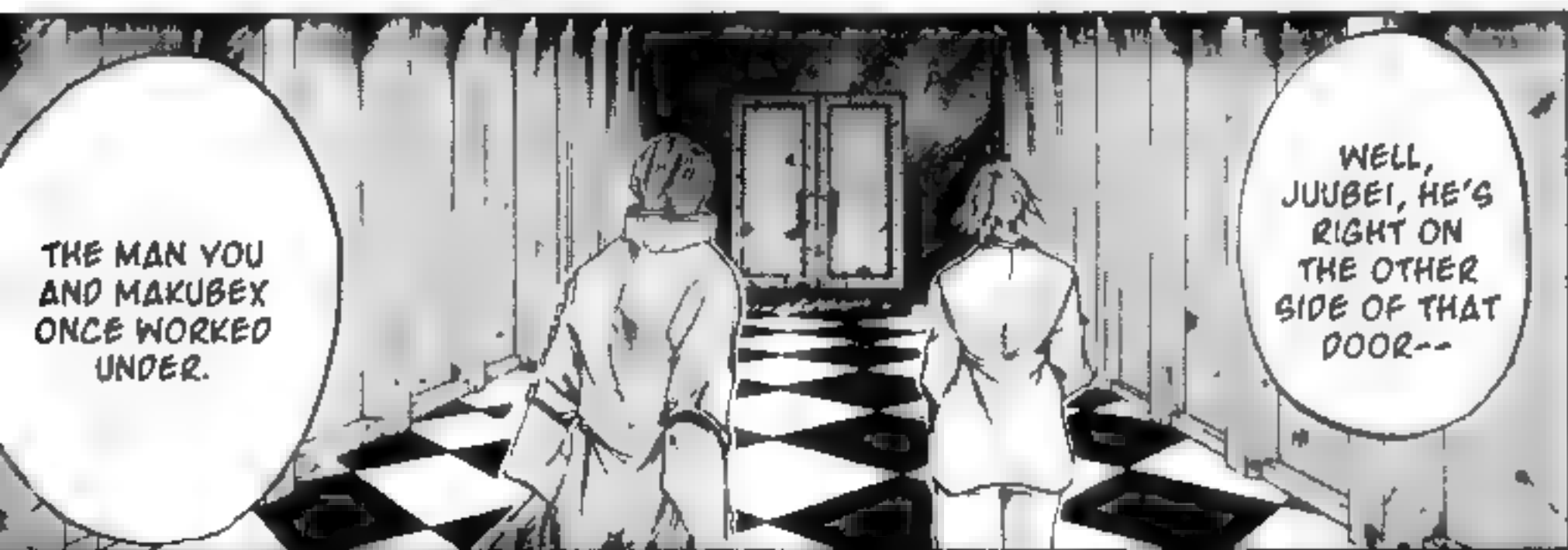


OF THE MAN
WITH WHOM
MAKUBEX,
SHIDO AND
KAZUKI FORMED
THE FOUR
EMPERORS



WHAT?

DON'T
YOU THINK
HE ALREADY
FACTORED
IN OUR IN-
VOLVEMENT?



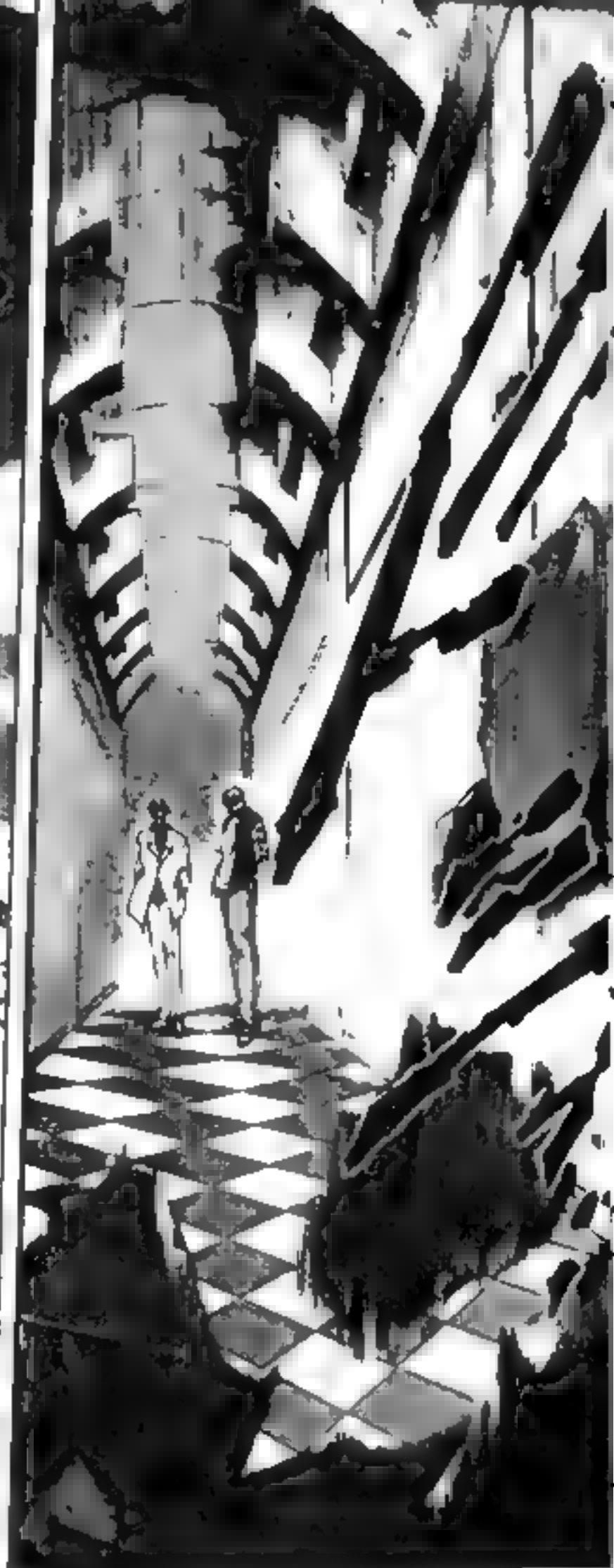
THE MAN YOU
AND MAKUBEX
ONCE WORKED
UNDER.

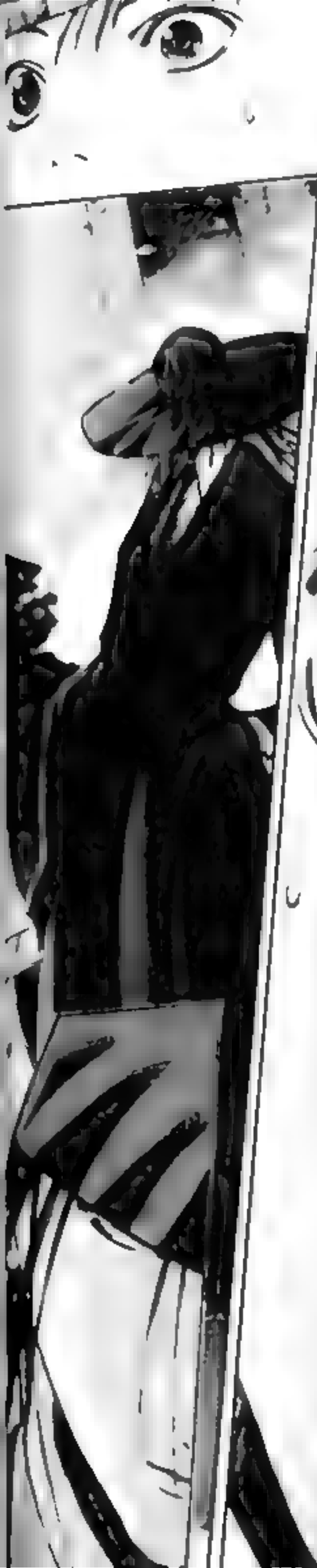
MEANING
THAT LIKE
YOU, HE
WAS FROM
THE UPPER
FLOORS OF
BABYLON
CITY.

NOW THAT I
THINK ABOUT
IT, HE WAS
THE SAME
SPECIES AS
YOU

SPECIES?

WELL,
JUUBEI, HE'S
RIGHT ON
THE OTHER
SIDE OF THAT
DOOR--





J-
JUUBEI?



IT
CAN'T
BE

WAIT
THROWING
NEEDLES?

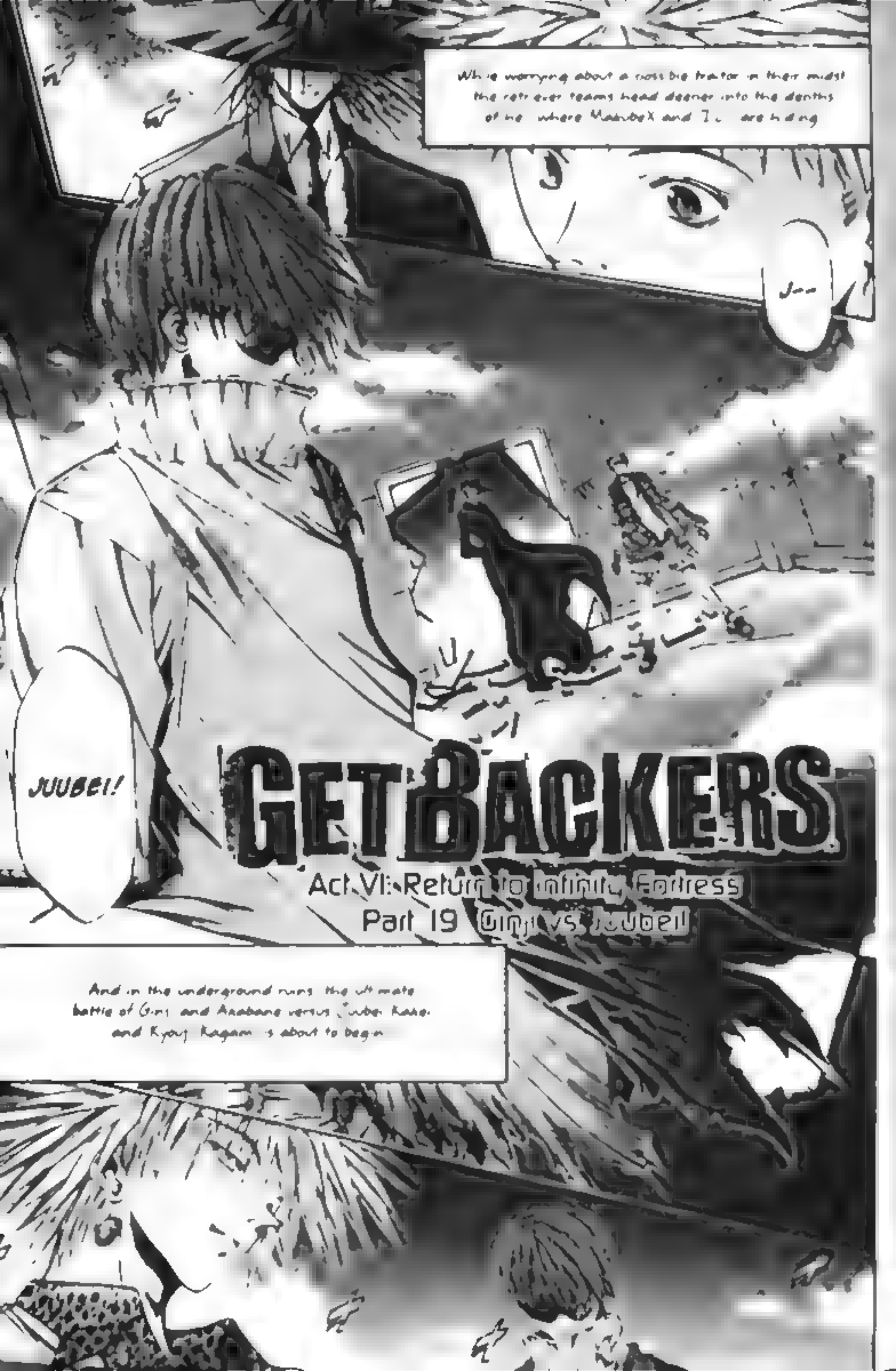




JUUBEI
KAKEI?!

GET BACKERS





While worrying about a possible traitor in their midst
the retriever teams head deeper into the depths
of the where Mardock and T.C. are hiding

JUBEL!

GET BACKERS

Act VI: Return to Infinite Fortress
Part 19 Ginty vs Jubel

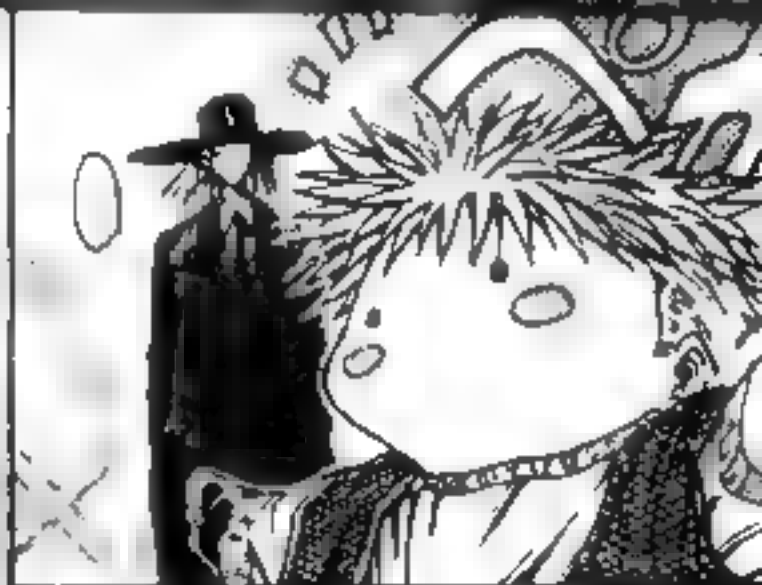
And in the underground rings the ultimate
battle of Ginty and Asakane versus Jubel, Kaho,
and Kyoryu Kagami is about to begin



ARE YOU REALLY THAT DENSE? THESE ARE ASSASSINS SENT BY MAKUBEX.

SOME-THING'S NOT RIGHT, AKABANE-SAN

TURN



WHO'S YOUR PAL? HI, I'M GINJI AMANO!

LONG TIME NO SEE, JUUBEI!



JUUBEI WOULDN'T DO THAT.

Juubei and Kazuki are best friends

IT CAN'T BE! HE'S ALWAYS BEEN FRIENDS WITH MAKUBEX, BUT IF THEY'RE ASSASSINS, THAT WOULD MEAN HE'S HERE TO KILL US!

WHAT?!

IS IT THAT SURPRISING? SEEMS LIKE AN OBVIOUS TURN OF EVENTS TO ME



I ALREADY KILLED KAZUKI!



KAZU-
CHAN...

...IS
DEAD
?!

JUUBEI
KILLED
HIM?!



YOU
READY
TO JOIN
HIM, GINJI
AMANO?



SAY
WHAT?

I SAID,
I ALREADY
KILLED
KAZUKI
OF THE
STRINGS!
GOT HIM IN
THE BACK
WHEN HE
WASN'T
LOOKING



WHA
--?



IT'S
A LIE



WHAT'S
WRONG,
JUUBEI?
HE'S
WIDE
OPEN.

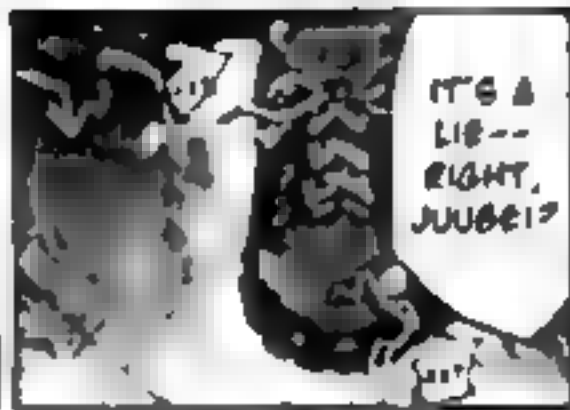


ZET

ZET

IT'S NOT
TRUE!
YOU'RE
LYING,
JUUBEI!

IT
CAN'T
BE...





AAH!


CLINK

RAA!!

AAH!!







TEE
HEE.

SOME-
ONE WHO
IS...

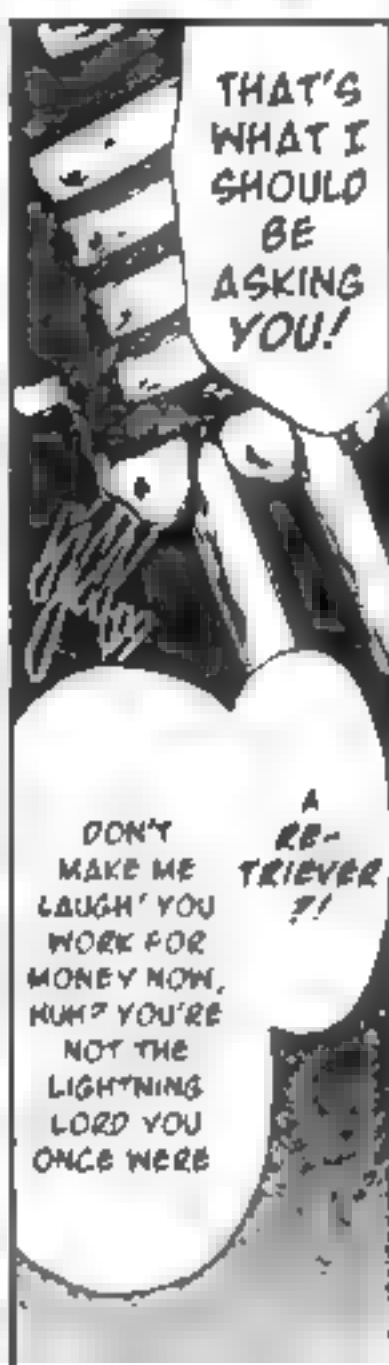
...A RESIDENT
OF THAT
TOWER!

RATHER
UNEXPECTED,
RUNNING INTO
SOMEONE
LIKE YOU
HERE.



NOW
YOU'RE
JUST
AN
ENEMY
...

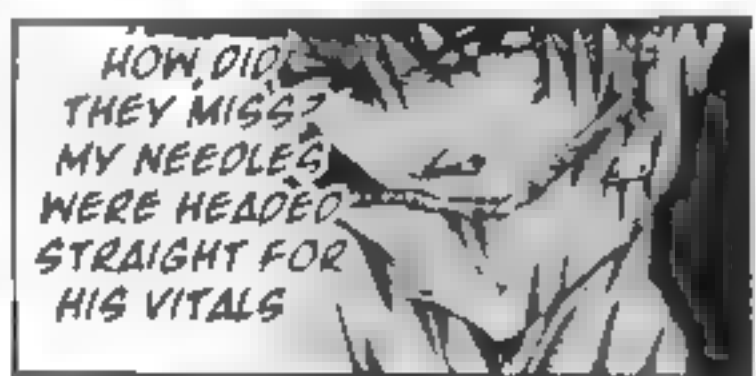
...
STANDING
IN OUR
WAY!



THAT'S
WHAT I
SHOULD
BE
ASKING
YOU!

DON'T
MAKE ME
LAUGH! YOU
WORK FOR
MONEY NOW,
HUM? YOU'RE
NOT THE
LIGHTNING
LORD YOU
ONCE WERE

A
RE-
TRIEVER
?!



HOW DID
THEY MISS?
MY NEEDLES
WERE HEADED
STRAIGHT FOR
HIS VITALS



WHAT
HAPPENED
TO YOU?

AND TO
MAKUBEX?



I'M
JUST
HERE

TO GET
BACK WHAT
SHOULDN'T
BE GONE!

SURE,
NOT
EVERY
JOB WE
TAKE IS
ON THE
UP-AND-
UP

BUT BAN-
CHAN AND I
STILL TAKE
PRIDE IN
OUR WORK!



HE
GRABBED
THEM?



MY NEEDLES
HAVE BECOME
MAGNETIZED?

I SEE,
SO THAT'S
HOW HE
CAN DODGE
THEM AND
CATCH
THEM



...A
CERTAIN
SOMEONE
TOLD US
THIS--

YOU'RE
WRONG.
WHEN BAN-
CHAN AND I
FORMED
THE GET-
BACKERS...

WHAT YOU
DO IS A
DISGRACE.

"BUT YOU
WON'T KNOW
THE TRUE
PICTURE
UNTIL YOU
LAY DOWN
THE FINAL
PIECE."


"THE WORK OF
A RETRIEVER IS
LIKE PUTTING
TOGETHER THE
PIECES OF A
JIGSAW PUZZLE.

THE TOTAL
PICTURE
BECOMES
CLEARER THE
FURTHER ALONG
YOU GO.

THAT'S
THE
ADVICE
I LIVE
BY.


...I
SEE IT
THROUGH
TO THE
END.

THAT'S
WHY
ONCE I
TAKE A
JOB..



...THEN YOU
DECIDE WHAT
TO DO NEXT.


ONCE YOU
SEE THE
COMPLETED
PICTURE..



WHATEVER
"I.L" IS,
IT WAS
IMPORTANT
ENOUGH FOR
MAKUBEX
TO STEAL.

WHAT HE
PLANS TO
DO WITH
IT...

I WILL
CONTINUE
MOVING
FORWARD.



IF YOU
WANT TO
GET PAST,
THEN DO
SO BY
FORCE.




SO,
PLEASE

...LET ME
PASS,
JUUBEI.



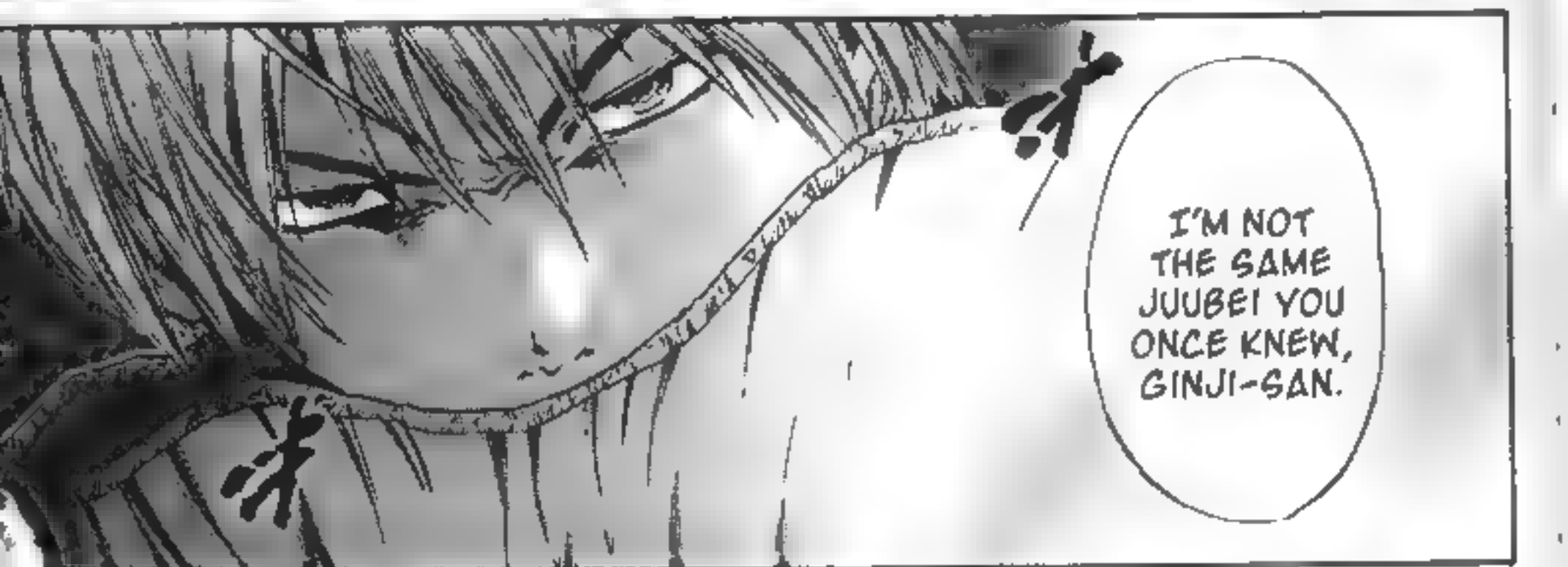
I KNOW
VERY LITTLE
ABOUT ANY
OF THAT,
BUT I MUST
COMPLETE
MY JOB

WHY YOU
AND THE
OTHERS
PROTECT
IT..




.. THAT
ALTHOUGH YOU
ARE JUUBEI
OF THE FLYING
NEEDLES, YOU
CANNOT BEAT
ME HERE
IN INFINITY
FORTRESS.

YOU'RE
AWARE,
JUUBEI.



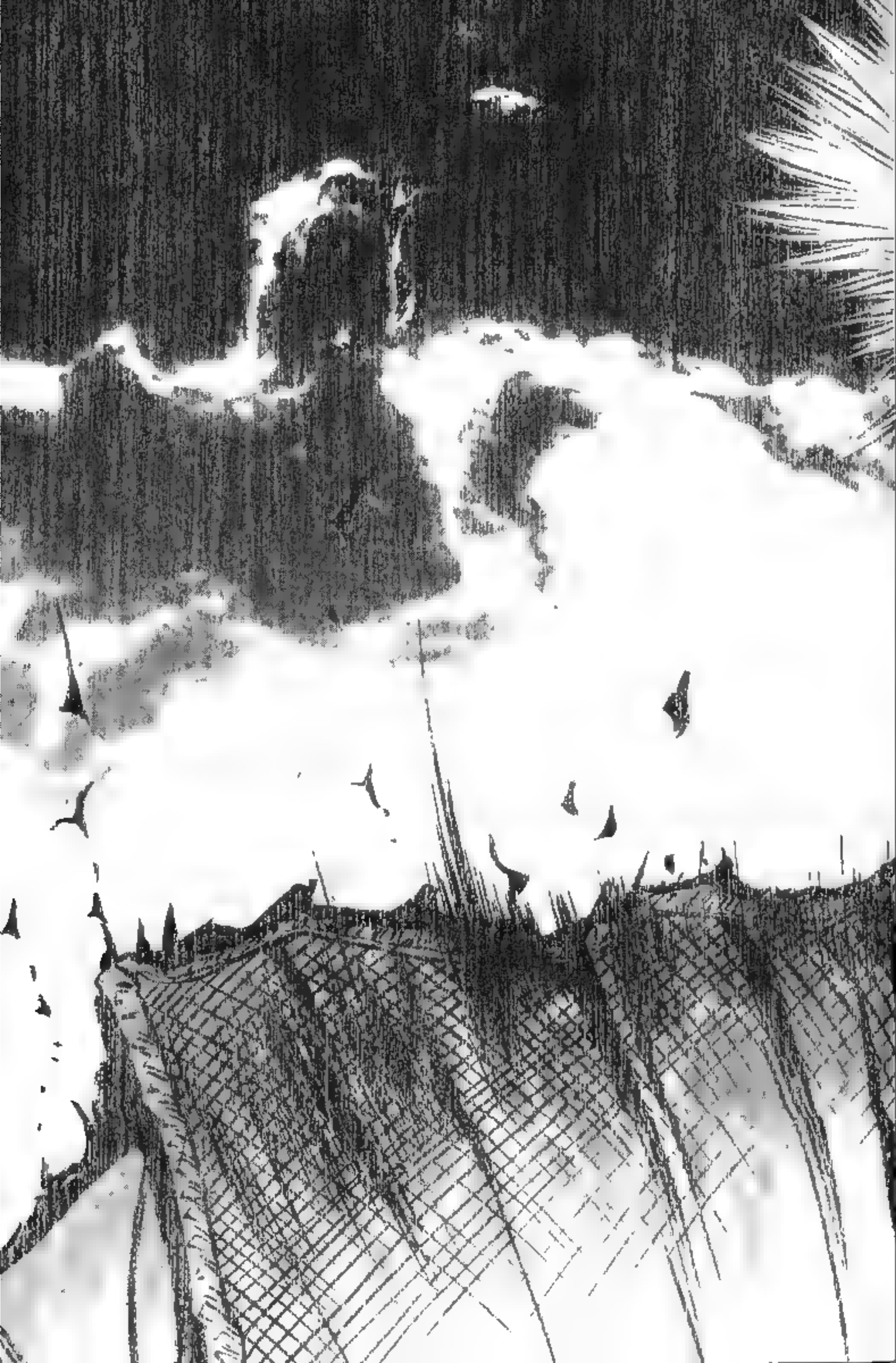
I'M NOT
THE SAME
JUUBEI YOU
ONCE KNEW,
GINJI-SAN.



THAT MAY
BE TRUE, BUT
YOU STILL
CAN'T WIN



MOVE.





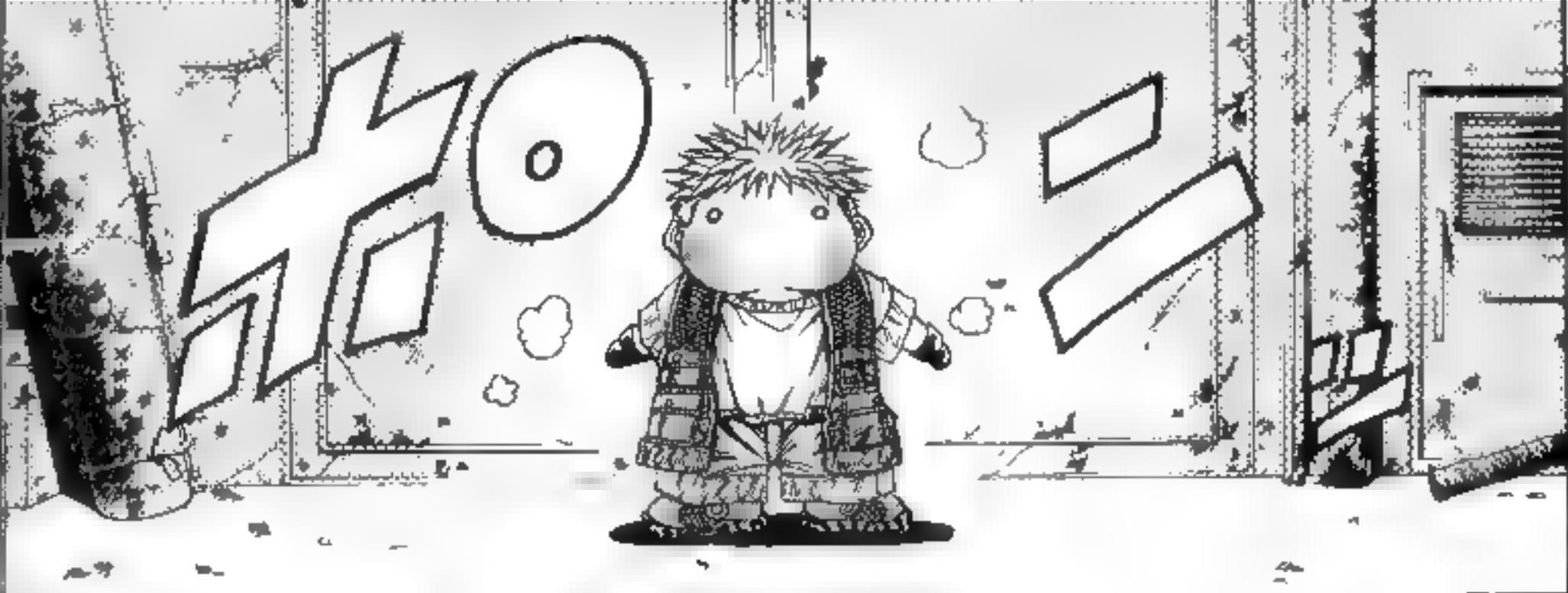
WAS
ABOUT
TO BOIL

MY
BLOOD



THE
LIGHTNING
LORD...

...IS
HERE.



We really need to finish this job and get outta here already

Hell do more than just smack me

PLUS BAN-CHAN WILL GET PISSED AT ME

IF I STAY IN LIGHTNING LORD MOOE TOO LONG, I'LL GET SCREWY



I'M FEELING KINDA SICK.

I think I'll keep low for now

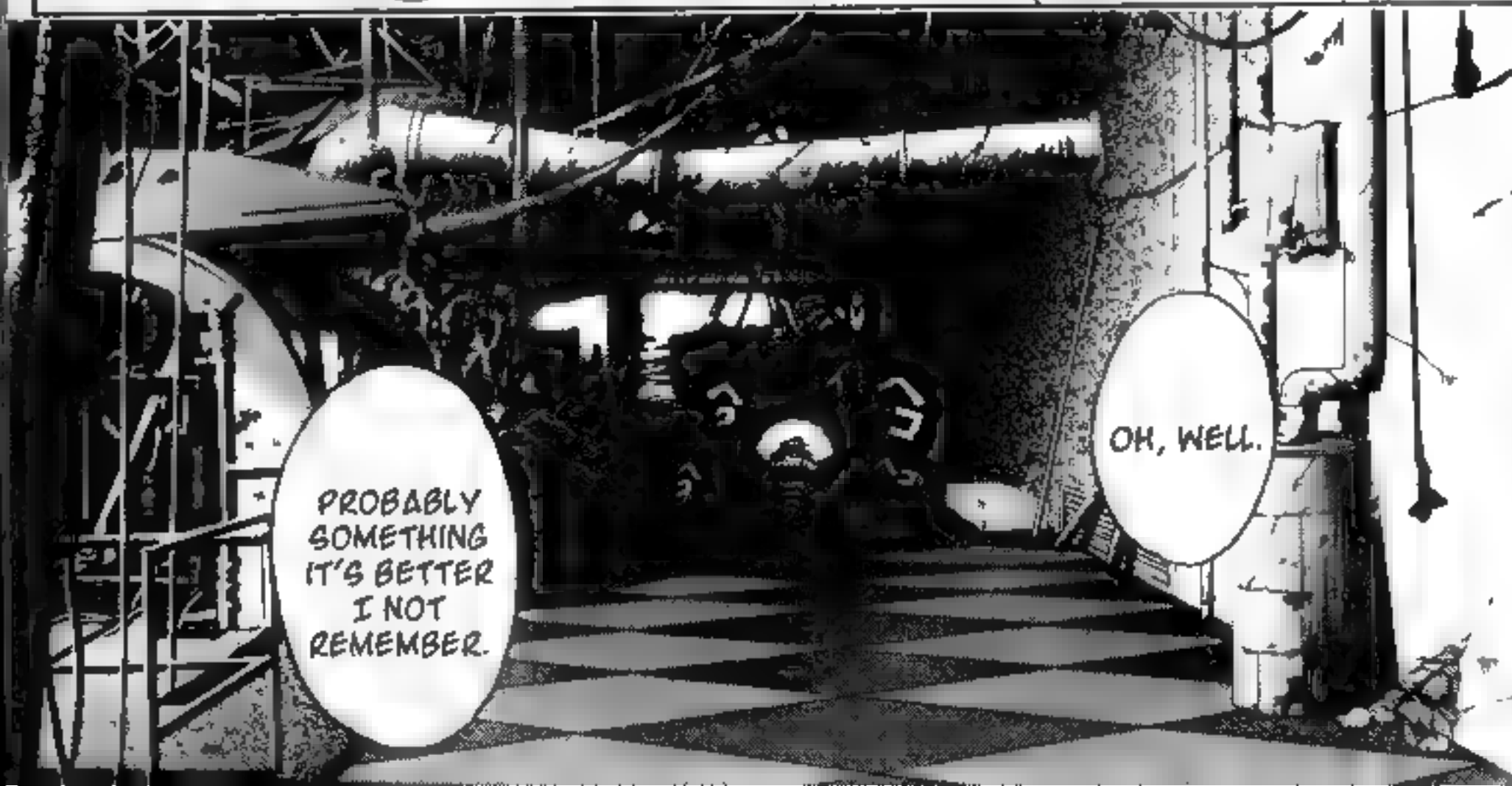
OOOH...



HMMM.



Feels like I'm forgetting something



PROBABLY SOMETHING IT'S BETTER I NOT REMEMBER.

OH, WELL.



SWISH

!!

PARDON
ME UP
THERE, BUT
WHAT'S
YOUR
NAME?

...



SO LET'S
GET THIS
OVER WITH
QUICKLY.

WELL,
KAGAMI-
KUN, IF I'M
AWAY FROM
MY PARTNER
GINJI-KUN FOR
TOO LONG, HE
MAY FORGET
ABOUT ME
ALTOGETHER

Typical Ginty



KYOUJI
...



PLEASE
GO ALL
OUT

...KAGAMI.



AND I
ALSO...

...PROMISE
TO HOLD
NOTHING
BACK.

GET BACKERS





AND SO
WILL I.



KAGAMI-
KUN

ATTACK
WITH FULL
FORCE..



Searching for "I.L.," Ginty and Akabane stumble upon an underground base where they're attacked by Jubee Kakai and Kyouji Kagami. But through use of his "Lightning Lord" skills, Ginty quickly overpowers Jubee!

LET'S
GET THIS
OVER
WITH.

GET BACKERS

Act VI: Return to Infinity Fortress
Part 20 - Akabane vs. Kagami! (Work's Never Done)

And now begins the ultimate battle between
the demonic Dr. Jackal, Kurodo Akabane, and
the mysterious resident of Infinity Fortress'
Babylon City, Kyouji Kagami!



PLEASE.



IF YOU
INSIST.

OKAY,
THEN



...YOU
WANT TO
DO THIS?


ARE
YOU
SURE...




DIAMOND
DUST!









WHAT
THE



DIAMOND
DUST--
MYRIAD
DEMONIC
PARTICLES




WHEN
LIGHT HITS
IT, YOU SEE
VARIOUS
DIFFUSED
REFLECTIONS




AND IF YOU
BREATHE
IT IN, IT
SLICES YOUR
LUNGS TO
HASH IT CAN
EVEN ENTER
THROUGH
YOUR SKIN





...AND
RIP APART
THE BLOOD
VESSELS
THROUGHOUT
YOUR ENTIRE
BODY.




HAVE A
QUAINT
WAY
WITH
WORDS.



"OBSERVE"
I SEE--
RESIDENTS
OF THE
TOWER.



HEH
HEH
HEH...

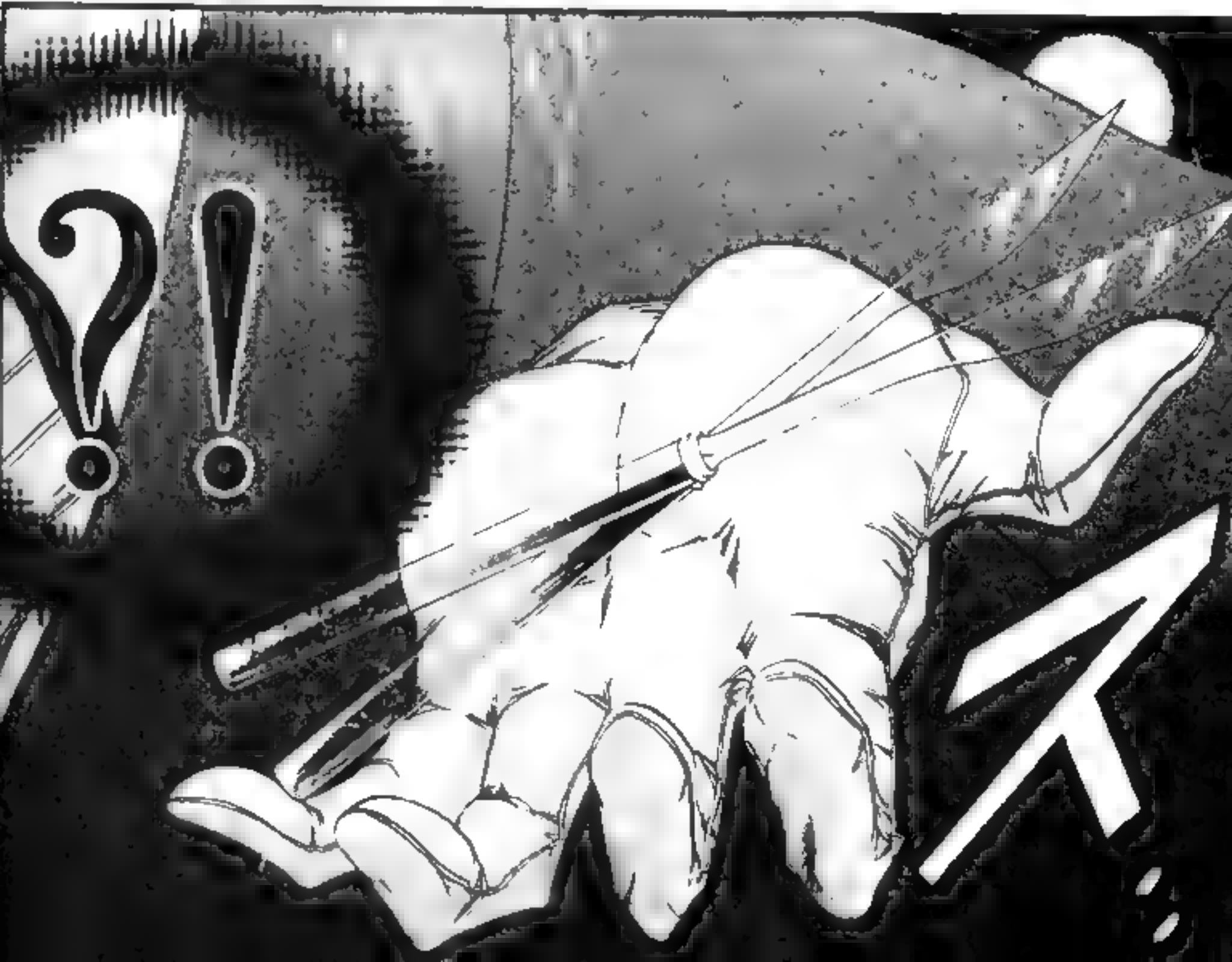
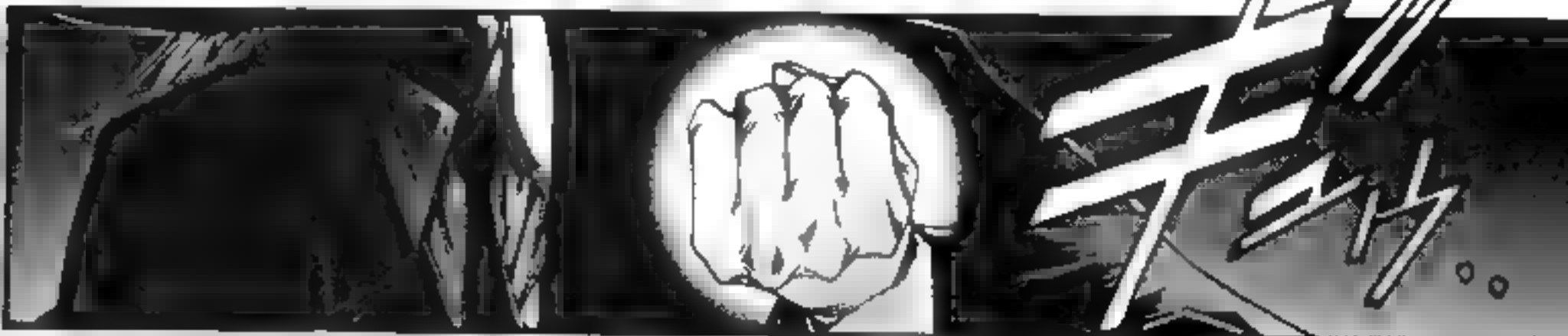


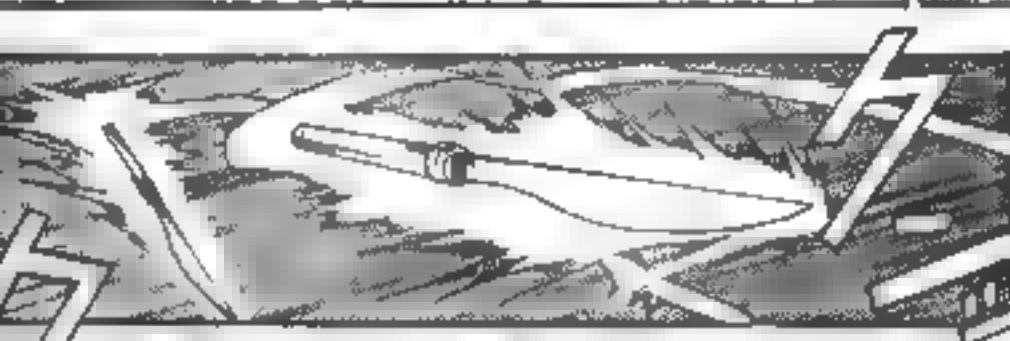
IT'S
TOO
BAD...

I WAS
EXCITED TO
OBSERVE
SOMETHING
NEVER SEEN
BEFORE--OR
JACKAL AT
HIS BEST.



YOU
CAN'T
KILL ME
WITH
THIS.



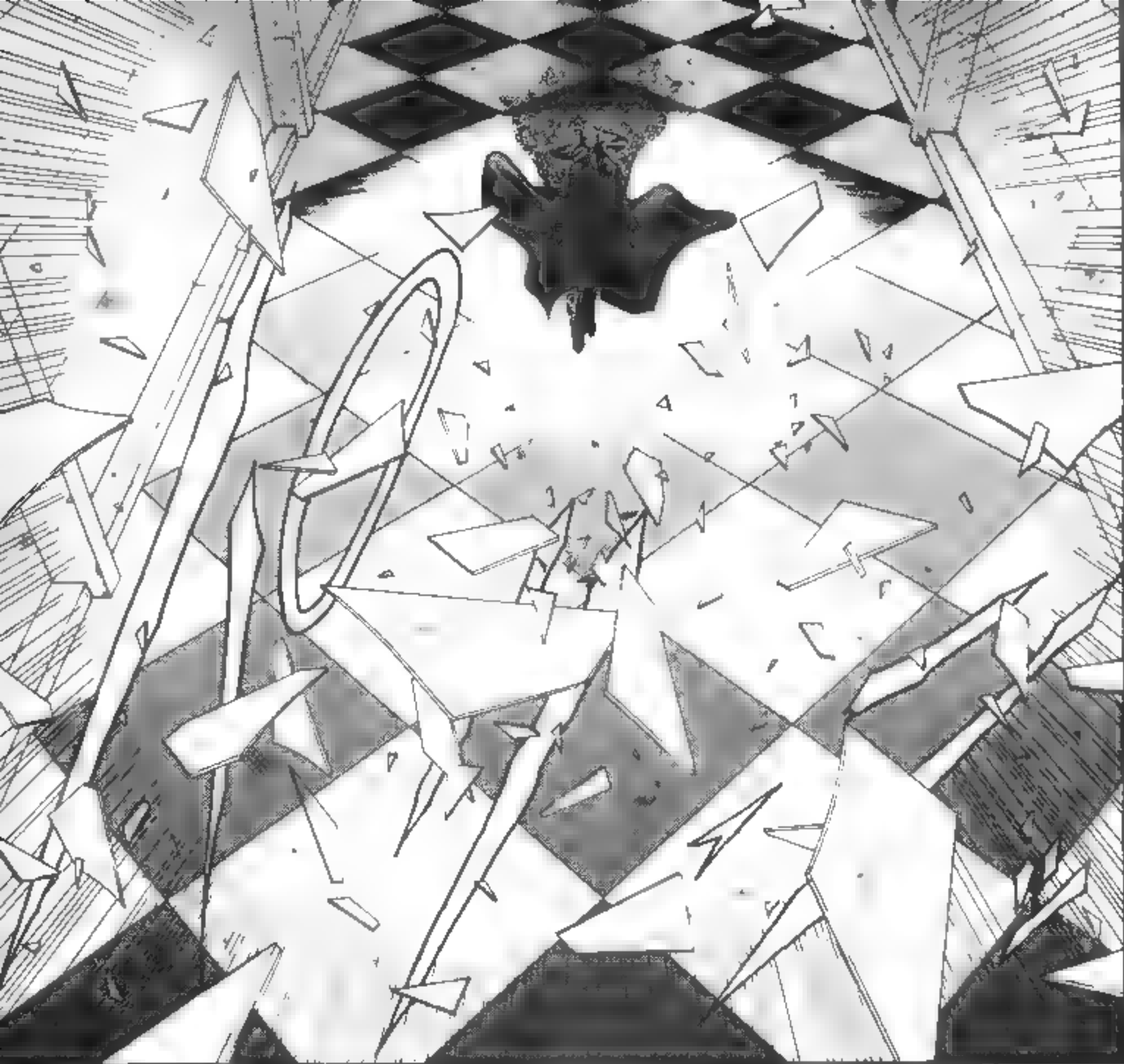






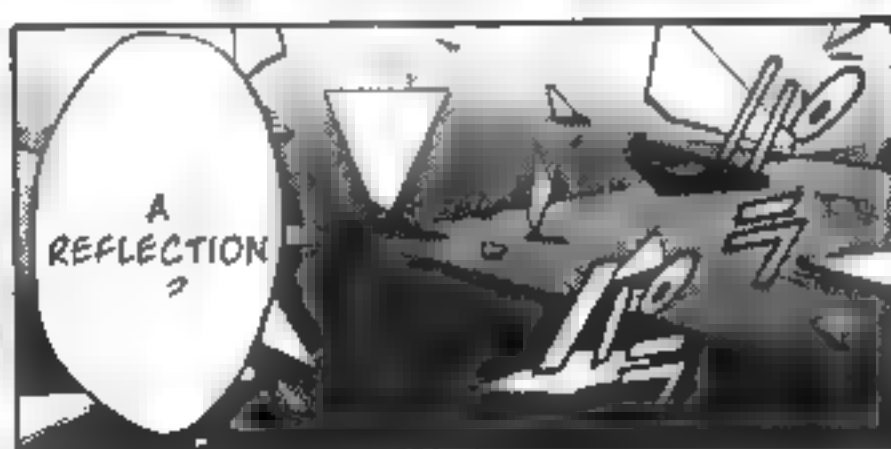






SO HE
GOT
AWAY.

OK,
WELL



A
REFLECTION



DID
GINJI-KUN
ALREADY
GO ON
AHEAD?

WELL,
THAT TOOK
LONGER
THAN
EXPECTED.



LOOKS
LIKE HE
GOT BY
YOU.

KAGAMI



JUUBEI.



MY
BLOOD
WAS
BOILING,
KAGAMI!
I FELT
FIRSTHAND
WHAT
MADE THE
LIGHTNING
LORD SUCH
A LEGEND

OH?



THE MAN'S A
POWERFUL
FIGHTER, AND
I DON'T THINK
HE WAS EVEN
GIVING IT HIS ALL

I ENJOYED MY
OBSERVATION.

AND
YOU?



I WANTED
TO TEST
YOUR
LOYALTY.



Heh
heh.

JUDGING BY
YOUR FACE,
I DOUBT
YOU WERE,
EITHER.





THERE
WAS NO
CALCU-
LATING
...

YET IT
WAS AS
THOUGH
WE WERE
GUIDED
BY GOD'S
HAND.

AND
IT FELT

AS IF
WE WERE
SLOWLY
BEING
RESCUED
FROM THE
DARKNESS
THAT IS
INFINITY
FORTRESS



WHEN
GINJI
AMANO
WAS THE
LEADER
OF THE
VOLTS,
ALL WE
HAD
TO DO
WAS
FOLLOW
HIM

HE
MAY
NOT HAVE
BEEN
MUCH OF A
THINKER,
BUT HE'D
NEVER
TAKE US
DOWN THE
WRONG
PATH



HEY,
KAGAMI

YES?

WHERE IS
MAKUBEX
TRYING TO
TAKE US?



BECAUSE
HE
SAID



AND HE'S
TRYING TO
STAND IN
THE WAY OF
MAKUBEX'S
PLANS



NOW THE
LIGHTNING
LORD HAS
RETURNED ONCE
AGAIN--JUST
LIKE BEFORE,
WITHOUT
RESERVATION



WE'VE
WAGERED
OUR LIVES
ON HIS
LEADER-
SHIP

YES. MY
SISTER
AND I
BELIEVE
IN HIM.



THAT'S
WHY,
WITH
THESE
HANDS
...

...MY
BEST
FRIEND,
KAZUKI.



YOU DO
TRUST
MAKUBEX,
DON'T
YOU?



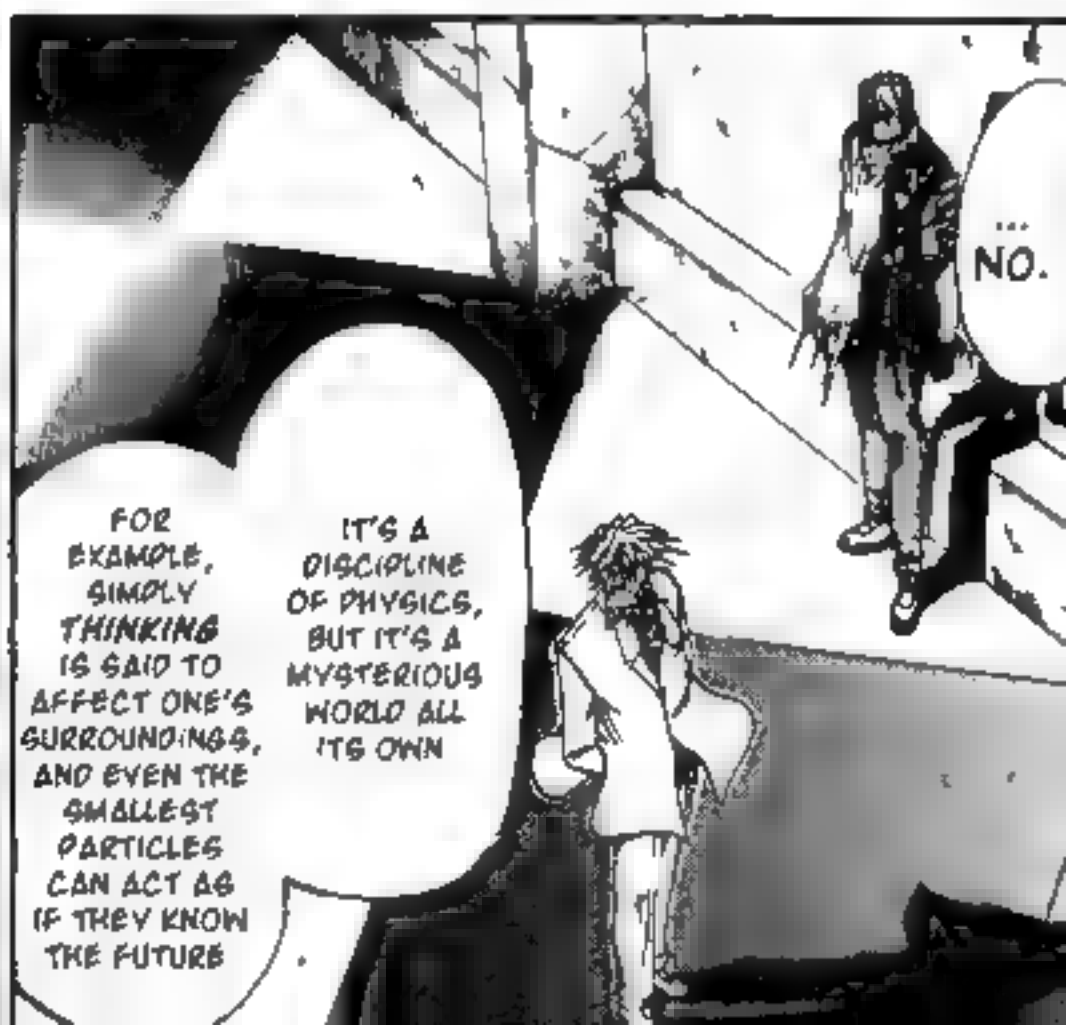
SO
WHAT
SHOULD
I DO?



JUUBEI,
DO YOU
UNDERSTAND
QUANTUM
MECHANICS?



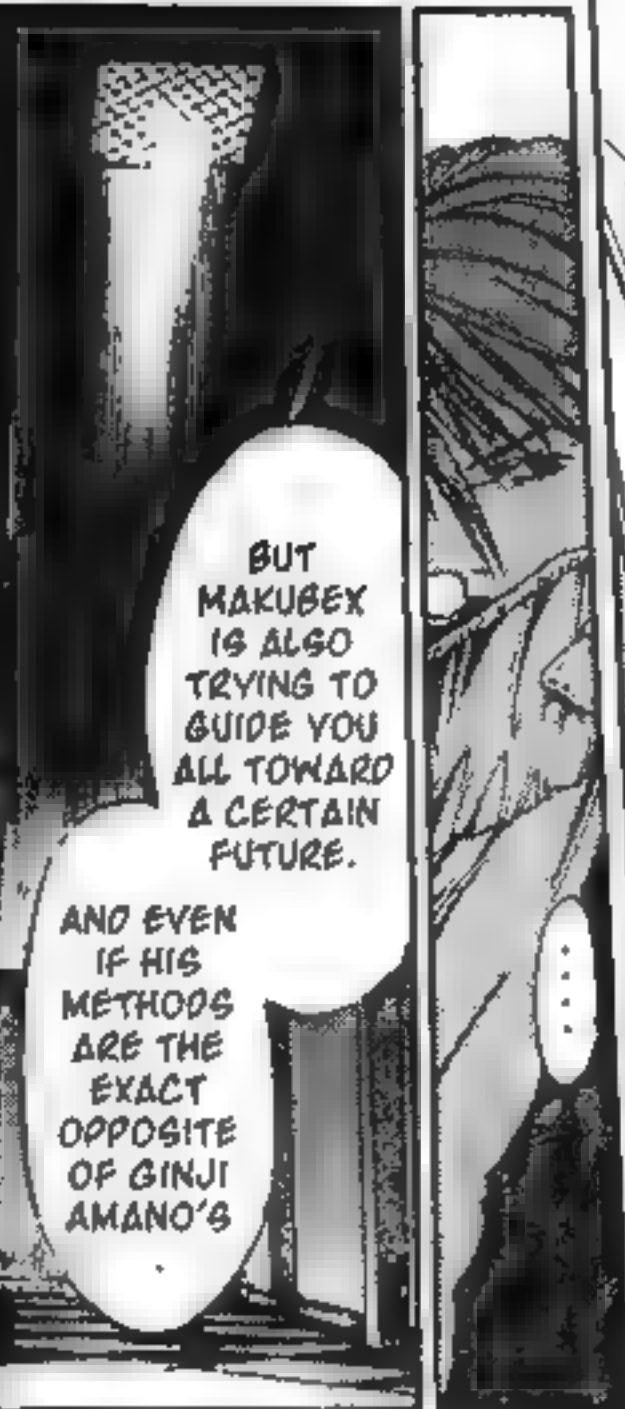
THIS MAN
GINJI
AMANO'S
ACTIONS
ARE SIMILAR
TO THAT.



...
NO.

FOR
EXAMPLE,
SIMPLY
THINKING
IS SAID TO
AFFECT ONE'S
SURROUNDINGS,
AND EVEN THE
SMALLEST
PARTICLES
CAN ACT AS
IF THEY KNOW
THE FUTURE

IT'S A
DISCIPLINE
OF PHYSICS,
BUT IT'S A
MYSTERIOUS
WORLD ALL
ITS OWN



BUT MAKUBEX IS ALSO TRYING TO GUIDE YOU ALL TOWARD A CERTAIN FUTURE.


AND EVEN IF HIS METHODS ARE THE EXACT OPPOSITE OF GINJI AMANO'S



WITHOUT HESITATION

...EVEN IF THAT FUTURE...

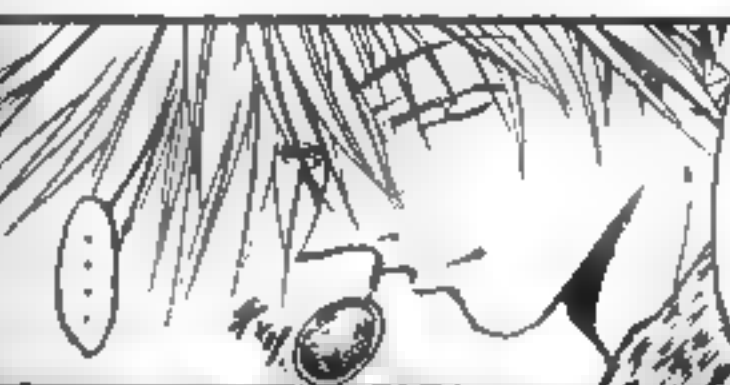
COMPARED TO THE VASTNESS OF THE UNIVERSE, WE ARE NO MORE THAN PARTICLES OURSELVES




...THERE IS STILL ONLY ONE TRUE ANSWER.

...IS HIS OWN DEATH.

GINJI MAY BE SOMEONE WHO UNCONSCIOUSLY HEADS TOWARD A CERTAIN FUTURE



I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY SOMEONE LIKE YOU IS WORKING FOR MAKUBEX.



YOU THINK SO?

YOU'RE A MYSTERIOUS PERSON, KAGAMI

EVEN MORE ACCURATELY THAN MAKUBEX'S CALCULATIONS.

IF THERE IS ONLY ONE TRUE SOLUTION, THEN PERHAPS YOU ALREADY SEE IT.



I'LL
CONTINUE
TO FIGHT.
THAT'S
ALL I
HAVE.



SO
WHAT
WILL
YOU BE
DOING
..

..FROM
HERE
ON
OUT?

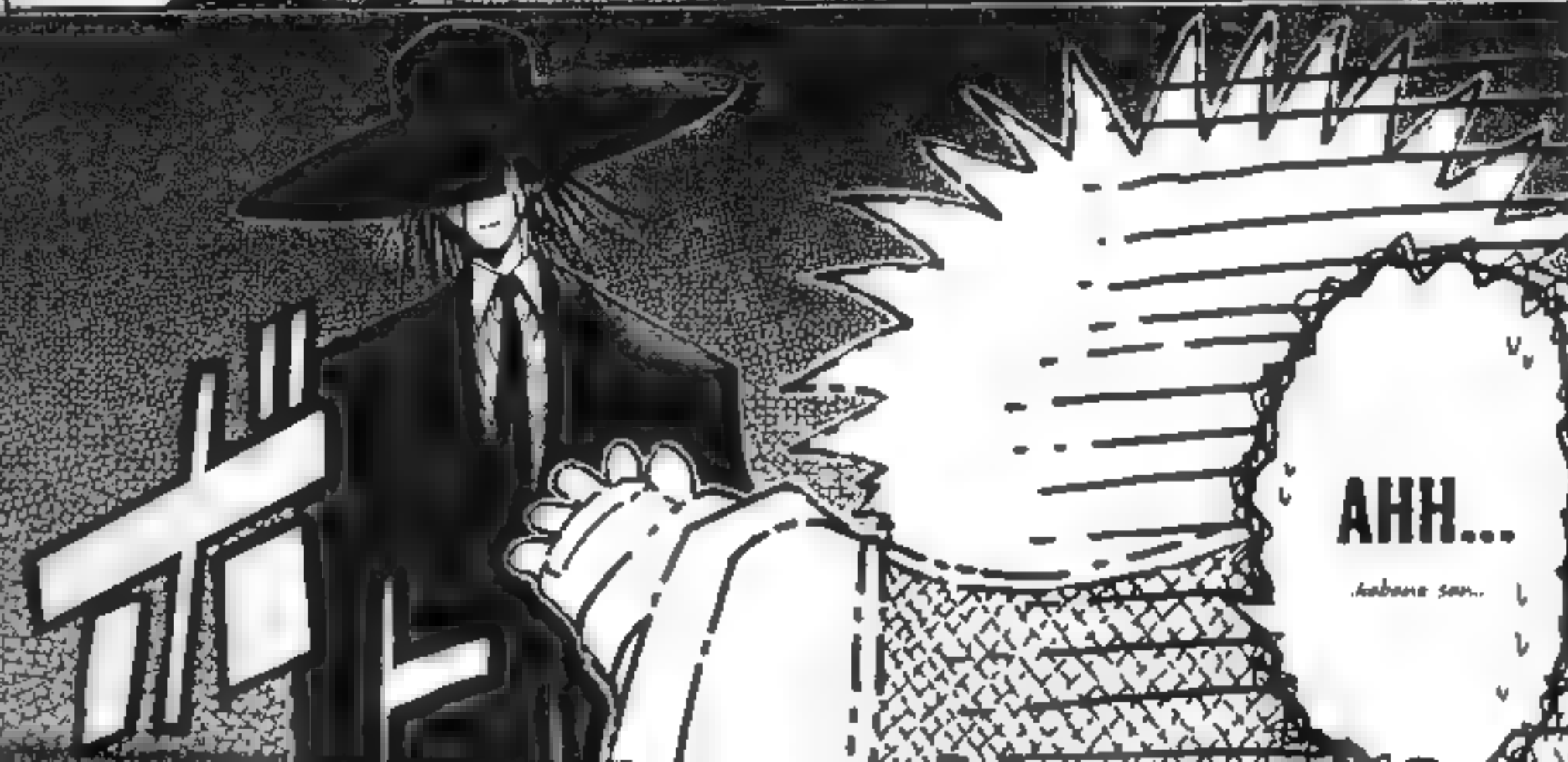
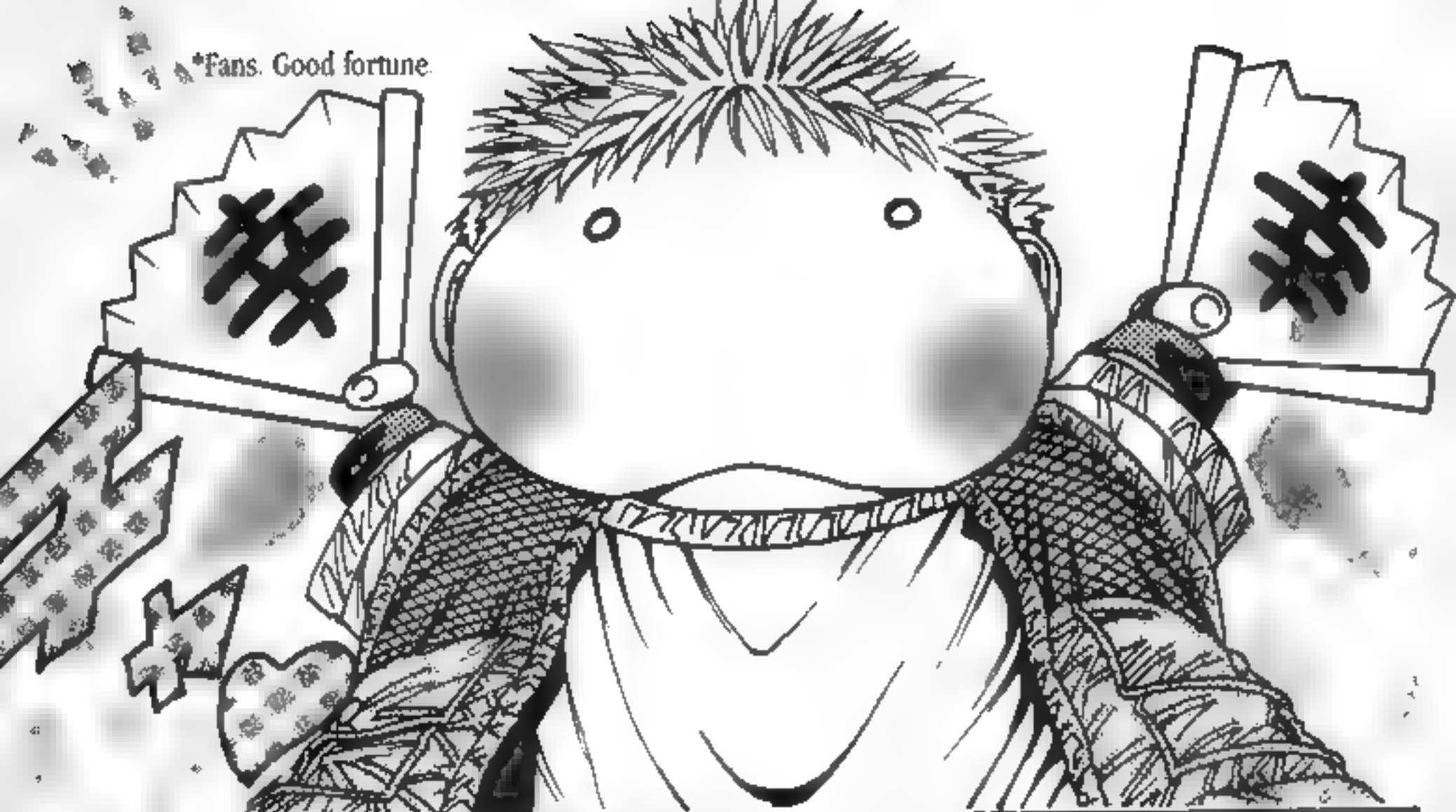


IF I
GET THE
CHANCE TO
FIGHT HIM
AGAIN, I
SWEAR I WILL
DEFEAT THE
LIGHTNING
LORD...

...FOR
MAKUBEX,
EVEN IF IT
COSTS ME
MY LIFE!



*Fans. Good fortune.





HAVE I
JOGGED
YOUR
MEMORY?



ALL
TOO
WELL.



Y-
YES.



PS I hope
we can meet
up before we
get to "IL" If
we're still alive.
that is.

PPS Akabane san
seems unusually cheerful
That's bad. right?

I'm
sorry
very



You're so
formidable
Akabane
san.

I'm so
pleased
♡

How could I
forget you?
These tears show
how much I
missed you.

Hey, Ban
chan, how
you been?
Some things
are better
left forgotten,
don't you
think?

I've sure
been
learning
a lot
lately.

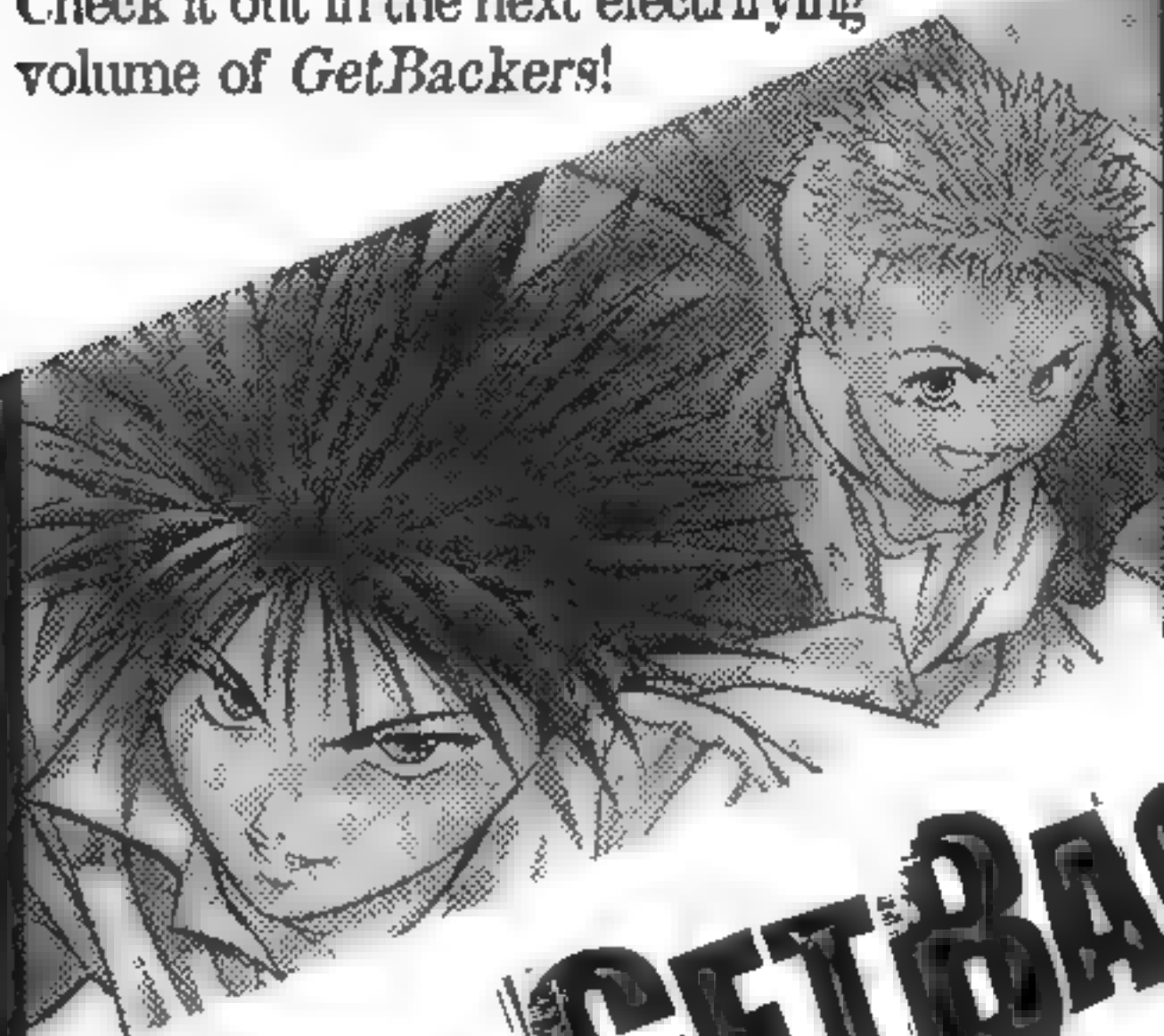
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In the next electrifying volume of

GETBACKERS

Ginji and Dr. Jackal have made it past Juubei and the mysterious Kagami, but they're not the only obstacles standing in the way of the unwilling (on one side, at least) duo; MakubeX still has plenty of minions at his bidding. However, Ban, Shido, Himiko and Kazuki—oh, yeah, Hevn's tagging along, too—are also all bearing down on the location of MakubeX's dangerous implosion lens, and when all reunite they'll be a formidable obstacle to the boy genius' plans. But what's this? MakubeX already calculated that would happen? Faced with six different doors, the GetBackers must each choose their ultimate opponent!

And what about the traitor everyone keeps talking about—will he or she finally be revealed? Check it out in the next electrifying volume of *GetBackers*!



GETBACKERS

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The Apology Room!!

To everyone, thank
you so much for
your support

Thank you for buying this book! 
Sorry for no color pages!

Sorry for taking weeks off
during these chapters. I'll try
to take care of myself and
not get sick in the future!

Thank you for
your letters!

Thanks for the ladybug
cookies--they were great!

To our editors, sorry
for always causing
so much trouble.

To Shou-kun, I
accidentally erased your
cell#! Please call me.

I'll work harder on
the color spreads,
really...

Thank you for the
dojinshi I really
like them!

My alarm clock isn't
waking me up lately...
I'm in trouble.

I like drawing black
and white, but...

I'll work harder
on the art, even
if I'm tired

I screwed up the
character profiles--
I'll fix it!

I read all the fan mail
As for responses, please
wait a little longer Sorry!



Really sorry
--Rando Ayamine



IT'S REALLY
PILING IN SO
FAR, OVER
A HUNDRED
PEOPLE HAVE
WRITTEN IN!



HEY!
THANKS
FOR ALL
THE FAN
MAIL,
GUYS!

YES, THESE BAGS UNDER
MY EYES ARE FROM
STAYING UP ALL NIGHT
READING FAN MAIL!



BUT I
FORGET
THE PAIN
BY GOING
INTO MY
IMAGINARY
WORLD



AND
AZUMI IS
REALLY
GREAT,
TOO

AND
NAOTO IS
THIS NICE
GUY FROM
FUKUYAMA

SO IKECHO IS
THIS REALLY
CUTE GIRL--SHE
COULD BE IN A
GIRL BAND



UHM . I'M
TRYING TO
WORK...



Escaping
Reality



ALSO, THERE'S
A LOT OF MAIL
ASKING IF
TSUCHIYA IS A
MAN OR WOMAN.
I WONDER
WHICH?
Does it matter?



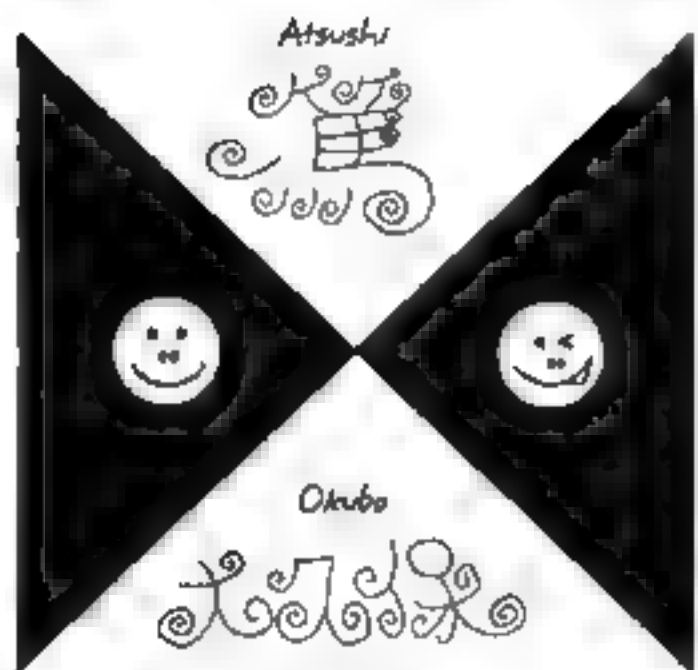
Naho Tsuchiya

W
A
R
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I
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G

I'M NOT ACCEPTING ANY MORE PEN-PALS.
AND PLEASE STOP WRITING IN AND ASKING
WHAT'S GONNA HAPPEN IN THE NEXT
VOLUME OF GETBACKERS! JUST BUY IT
AND READ IT LIKE EVERYONE ELSE!



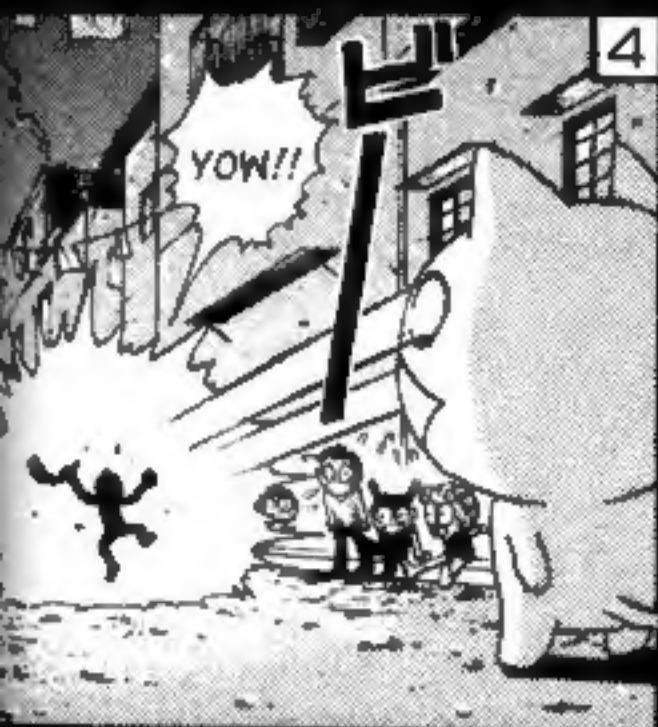
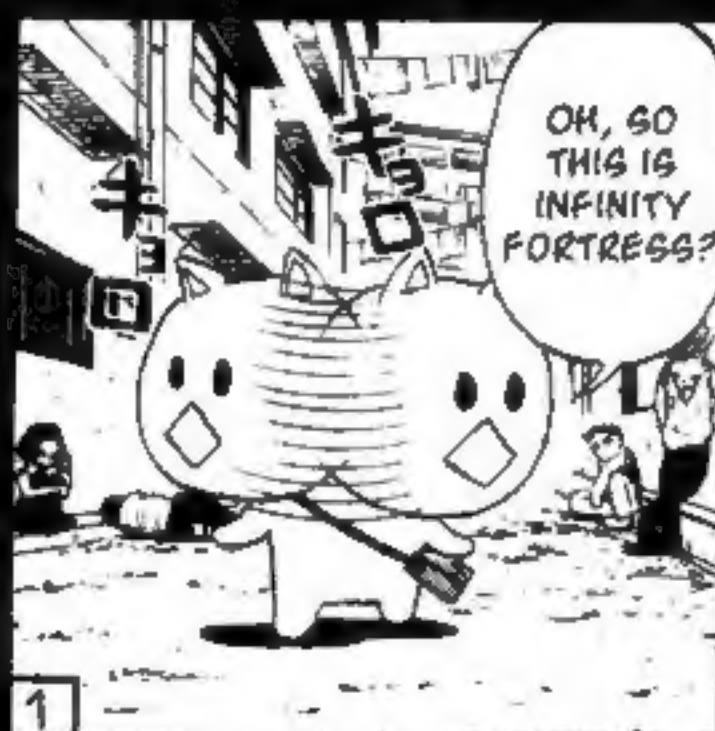
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